



Anti-gay bill now the law in Uganda

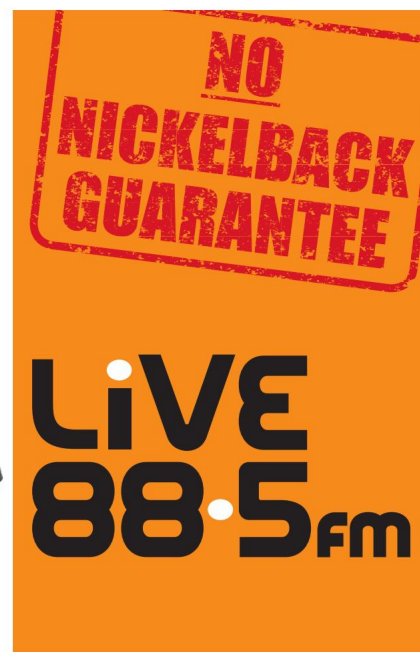
Country's president says the bill was needed because the West is promoting homosexuality in Africa

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NEW PLAYERS IN CANADA'S COFFEE MARKET USE THE POWER OF PATRIOTISM TO LURE IN CUSTOMERS

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SENsational economics

Boost. Ottawa Senators have pumped \$3 billion into city's economy since 1992, according to study



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The Ottawa Senators — and the 118,000 tourists the team draws for games and other events — are a boon to the city, according to a University of Ottawa economic impact study that says the team brings in about \$100 million of direct spending to the capital every year, with another \$100 million coming in as a ripple effect.

Former University of Ottawa prof and chair of the Ohio University Department of Sports Administration Norm O'Reilly led the study with a handful of peers and about 50 grad students and says the \$100-million economic spinoff is strictly revenue from outside the city — cash that would not have made it here if it weren't for the Senators Sports and Entertainment group. That includes cash com-



A new University of Ottawa study has found that the Ottawa Senators bring \$100 million of revenue into the region every year. FRANCOIS LAPLANTE/GETTY IMAGES/FREESTYLE PHOTO

ing in from North America's largest minor hockey tournament, the Bell Capital Cup, special events at the Canadian Tire Centre and concerts.

"You and I are from here and we go to the Senators game tonight and spend \$100 on beer and food. That's zero, nothing," said O'Reilly, adding that his study didn't include things like

tickets to games, as seats would likely get purchased from a local fan if not a tourist. "We only considered any impact that actually comes from outside of the city."

The study looked at everything from Senators TV rights deals and cash coming from the Ottawa Senators Foundation, the Rink of Dreams and

Roger's House, to special events such as the World Junior Hockey Championships and the Women's World Hockey Championships. The study estimates the Senators economic impact since rejoining the NHL in 1992 has been \$3 billion.

Senators owner Cyril Leeder said the data is proof that the Senators are more than just a

Key study highlights

- Ottawa Senators hockey, both regular-season and playoff games, draws more than 118,000 tourists every year.
- Tourism by non-local visitors to Bell Sensplex facilities and the Bell Capital Cup generates \$21.7 million annually (direct and indirect).
- World-class events hosted by the Senators, like the 2012 NHL All-Star Game,
- the 2009 World Junior Hockey Championship and the 2013 Women's World Hockey Championship, have generated an average of \$9.5 million annually (direct and indirect), based on \$4.3 million of direct spending.
- More than 478,000 people, who represent about half of Ottawa-Gatineau's population, have attended at least one Senators' philanthropic event since 1992.

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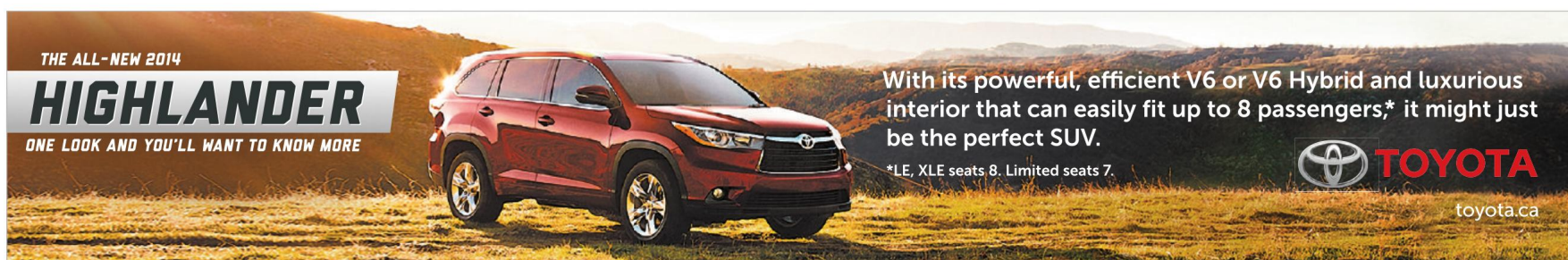
"View the Ottawa Senators as an entity, not as a hockey club," Leeder told Metro on Monday. "It really is an important community asset to Ottawa, to the business community it's important, for the charitable community it's important and just from a social and psyche point of view, the team is important to Ottawa."

According to the study, about 87 per cent of tourists visiting Ottawa said they did so because of Senators-related

events, with many of them indicating they were very likely to return, and 56 per cent of area residents agreed the organization had a positive impact on the region.

"Twenty per cent of people knew about Ottawa because of the team and then had some inkling that they might want to come here," added O'Reilly.

"That doesn't count as part of the economic analysis, it's not part of the \$100 million, but it shows us some of this value."





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Philippe Steele-Morin

Montreal police post \$5K reward for murder suspect



Philippe Steele-Morin
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Montreal police have posted a \$5,000 reward for anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of Philippe Steele-Morin.

The 30-year-old Gatineau resident is the lead suspect in the death of Tricia Boisvert. He's wanted on a charge of second-degree murder.

Boisvert's body was found in a rural residential area in Quyon on Jan. 23. She had been missing from her Montreal apartment for a week.

Police posted the reward Monday. Sun Youth, a charity that serves low-income families in the Montreal area, is providing the cash prize via an anonymous donor.

Steele-Morin is described as a white male, with short brown hair and blue eyes. He has a tattoo of an eagle on his left arm and a dragon on most of his right arm. He's five-foot-seven and weighs 161 pounds.

Police say he could be in the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

Anyone with information can contact Info-Crime Montréal at 514-393-1133. All information will be treated confidentially and anonymously.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Lansdowne to usher in Cineplex

Movie buffs longing for the days of a downtown Ottawa cinema will soon be able to catch a matinee at Lansdowne Park.

Cineplex is moving a 10-screen theatre complex with up to 1,700 seats into the urban village by the end of this year.

Buttery popcorn is not the only thing theatregoers will be able to get their hands on.

Three VIP auditoriums will be licensed to serve beer, wine and martinis and a menu could include calamari and burgers. Leather seating, wall-to-wall screens and surround sound will also be part of Cineplex

Cinemas Lansdowne and VIP. Six other theatres will feature traditional movie experience.

"Cineplex will be operating a theatre formula that's never been in Ottawa before," said Bernie Ashe, CEO of the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group. "It's a really important part of what's going to make Lansdowne work."

Mike Langdon, director of communications for Cineplex Entertainment, said Lansdowne is a "premier sports and entertainment attraction."

"We think it's a great fit for our brand and we think it will



A shot of Cineplex's Queensway VIP Cinema. CONTRIBUTED

be a great fit for moviegoers."

So far, Whole Foods, Sporting Life, LCBO, Joey, Il Forno

and Local are also confirmed for Lansdowne Park.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Ottawa docs take lead on health networks

Nationwide.

Leadership positions announced as feds unveil new funding

Two Ottawa doctors have been tapped to lead a national network of scientists studying chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, kidney failure and dementia.

Dr. Shawn Aaron, head of respirology at The Ottawa Hospital and senior scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute was named director of the Canadian Respiratory Research Network Monday when federal Health Minister Rona Ambrose announced funding for three national health-research networks.

"A network takes people from all disciplines and gets

them together so that they can work in concert," Aaron told Metro on Monday. "This gets them all out of their silos. The advantage is that you can get cross-collaboration between experts in many disciplines and many fields to attack a common problem."

Two of those problems are COPD and asthma, which Aaron said affect about 12 per cent of Canadians.

Aaron will focus on treatment and prevention and finding blood "bio-markers" that can "predict disease and predict bad outcomes in people with COPD and asthma."

He said such markers could be used to, for example, encourage a teen to quit smoking if he had a higher chance of getting COPD.

Ottawa Hospital Research Institute CEO and scientific director Dr. Duncan Stewart



Dr. Shawn Aaron was named director of the Canadian Respiratory Research Network on Monday. COURTESY DWAYNE BROWN

will lead the Canadian Vascular Network to focus on blood-vessel damage and its links to dementia, kidney failure and heart disease.

The Canadian Stroke Prevention Intervention Network will be led by Dr. Jeff Healey of McMaster University and Ham-

ilton Health Sciences.

The feds are chipping in \$4.35 million per network with another \$9.6 million coming from pharmaceutical firms, health charities and academic institutions, including the University of Ottawa.

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A still image from Zeely Adventures, an app that teaches kids with autism and Asperger's how to interpret facial expressions. CONTRIBUTED

App helps autistic kids decode smiles

Zeely Adventures.
Developer's child's learning disability inspired brain game



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A smile might be a simple way to communicate, but it can be confusing to a child with autism or Asperger syndrome.

Zeely Adventures is a new app geared toward helping kids with similar learning disabilities interpret facial expressions. Games with colourful characters teach youth under 10 how to decode frowns and tears and are more fun than therapy, says Natasha D'Souza, the app's developer.

"For whatever reason, these

individuals have challenges interpreting facial emotions, which results in them being socially awkward," she said. "Research also says that you can teach them emotions, feelings and social skills and once they've mastered them, they have these skills for life."

D'Souza, who has a child with a learning disability, said she came up with the app when she was a graduate student at Carleton University's technology innovation management program. On top of her studies and consulting job, she was helping her recently diagnosed child through therapy sessions and navigating the school system.

She started reading up on

learning disabilities and decided to focus her graduate thesis on that field. She secured support from the Ontario Brain Institute for Zeely Adventures and the app launched last month.

Dr. Philippe Adams, an Ottawa psychologist, has yet to try Zeely Adventures, but said that there have been similar programs launched elsewhere with scientific backing.

"I think the approach itself definitely has some merit," he said. "Whether it can work for children here and now in that specific package, well I think that probably depends on the fit between the package and the child."

D'Souza said she plans to create other apps geared towards older youth.

Zeely Adventures is available at zeelyadventures.com and on iTunes for \$19.99.



Natasha D'Souza
CONTRIBUTED

Artist waxes scientific in Ottawa art exhibit

Aganetha Dyck has combined art and science by collaborating with the most unlikely of artists.

The artist has more than four decades of experience working with honeybees. Her artwork, featuring wax-covered objects, will be shown at the Ottawa School of Art from March 3rd to April 13th.

Bees first caught Dyck's interest in 1988 when she went to a bee co-op to purchase wax and saw a sign above the counter constructed of honeycomb that read "Bee Made." She decided then she wanted to work with honeybees.

Dyck's interest in environmental issues has led her to work with a number of scientists, including Dr. Mark Winston of Simon Fraser University. Winston's research suggests bees communicate amongst themselves and other animals through chemical signals. In her work, Dyck takes this a step further to suggest that the rea-



Aganetha Dyck's "Honeybee Alterations" is just one of the pieces on exhibit at the Ottawa School of Art from March 3 to April 13. COURTESY PETER DYCK

son for their fragile existence is that "maybe we're just not listening."

Putting a strong emphasis on collaboration, Dyck suggests "the bees are actually the artists." She calls bees the "great fixer-uppers" and describes

their hives as "pristine" because of their "attention to detail."

You can see Dyck's "interspecies communication" at the vernissage in the Ottawa School of Art's Main Gallery on March 6th at 5 p.m.

TANYA KIRNISHNI/FOR METRO

Little Italy nears end of CDP planning process

Little Italy's disputed development plan is inching closer to completion and it seems to finally have found some common ground.

The final draft of the Community Development Plan (CDP) for the Preston-Carling District will be presented Tuesday night, with a few sweeping changes to the initial plan.

After opposition from area residents, the plan for more collector streets — busy thoroughfares from the main arteries — has been scrapped. A resi-

dential hub will be protected by a "neighbourhood line," which will prevent 40-storey buildings from overshadowing more modest skylines.

"It gives us more certainty in the neighbourhood as to where highrises will be, where mid-rises will be," said Kitchissippi Coun. Katherine Hobbs.

The CDP sets out a neighbourhood's unique planning needs. For example, the Preston-Carling District is different from Barrhaven in that it has two-to-four-storey apartments,

single-family homes dating back to the late 19th century and a mixed commercial-residential main street on Dalhousie.

Scott Street was the first area to implement a CDP and now Centretown, among other areas, is working on similar plans.

The second draft of the Preston-Carling development plan will be presented at St. Anthony's Banquet Hall at 523 St. Anthony St. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO



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Manitoba. Greyhound bus killer should have more freedom, says psychiatrist

A doctor is suggesting that a man who beheaded a passenger on a Manitoba Greyhound bus should get more freedom.

Vince Li's psychiatrist is asking the Criminal Code Review Board to let Li have unescorted day trips to Selkirk, Man.

Dr. Stephen Kremer says Li should also be moved out of a locked ward and onto an unlocked ward at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

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Vince Li THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Truth and Reconciliation. Alberta, NWT bishops say sorry for abuse of children

Catholic bishops in Alberta and the Northwest Territories have apologized for abuse that aboriginal children suffered in residential schools.

Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith said Monday the group is the last in the country representing Catholic bishops to make a public offer of regret. Others have issued

formal apology letters as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission held events in their regions, he said.

"We are adding our voice to those of the Catholic bishops and leaders of religious communities across Canada," Smith told students at Edmonton's Ben Calf Robe School.

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First Nation youth

Report calls for five-year plan

A new report by Ontario's advocate for children and youth is calling for a five-year plan to address the needs and difficulties facing aboriginal young people.

The report, titled *Feathers of Hope*, came out of meetings last year involving more than 160 aboriginal youth from 64 communities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Election Act changes

NDP, Liberals push for hearings

The NDP is accusing the governing Conservatives of trying to rig Canada's election rules while clouding criticism of the changes as just another Ottawa battle.

The NDP, backed by the Liberals, wants hearings held across the country on proposed changes to the Elections Act.

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Arrest warrant issued for Ukraine's ousted leader

Kyiv. Derided by Russia as gun-toting thugs, new leaders move swiftly to open dialogue with West

Canada, U.S. react

- White House spokesman Jay Carney says the U.S. is prepared to help Ukraine regain economic stability by providing support.
- The Harper government is leaving the threat of sanctions against Russia on the table if it interferes in the events in Ukraine.

With Viktor Yanukovych on the run, Ukraine's interim government drew up a warrant Monday for the fugitive president's arrest in the killing of anti-government protesters last week, while Russia issued its strongest condemnation yet of the new leaders in Kyiv, deriding them as "Kalashnikov-toting people in black masks."

Parliament speaker Oleksandr Turchinov, the interim president, moved quickly to open a dialogue with the West, saying at a meeting with EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton that the course toward closer integration with Europe and financial assistance from the EU were "key factors of stable and democratic development of Ukraine."

Yanukovych, who fled Kyiv on Saturday after the oppos-

ition took over government buildings, has reportedly gone to the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea, a pro-Russia area.

Calls are mounting to put Yanukovych on trial after a tumultuous presidency in which he amassed powers, enriched his allies and family, and cracked down on protesters.

Acting Interior Minister Arsen Avakhov said on his official Facebook page that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Yanukovych and several other officials for the "mass killing of civilians."

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Ukraine no 'laughing matter'

Trudeau slammed for hockey quip

The Conservatives took aim at Justin Trudeau on Monday for his tongue-in-cheek weekend remarks linking the upheaval in Ukraine to

Russia's Olympic hockey humiliation.

"So Justin Trudeau ... thinks the deadly crisis in Ukraine is a laughing matter," Employment Minister Jason Kenney tweeted.

Industry Minister James Moore also took to Twitter to draw attention to Trudeau's joke. THE CANADIAN PRESS



People lay down flowers at one of the streets leading to Independence Square in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday. Ukraine's acting government issued a warrant Monday for the arrest of President Viktor Yanukovych, accusing him of mass crimes against protesters who stood up against his rule. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Surprise move. Egypt's cabinet resigns; could pave the way for el-Sissi

Egypt's interim cabinet resigned Monday in a surprise move that could pave the way for the nation's military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to announce his widely anticipated plans to run for president in the spring. The resignation, announced by Prime Minister Hazem el-Beblawi in a televised statement, came amid a wave of labour strikes over the government's failure to fix the economy and rising popular anger nearly a year after Islam-

ist President Mohammed Morsi was ousted by the military.

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Changes

The Cabinet will remain until a new one is formed.

- El-Sissi has already secured the support of Egypt's military body to seek the presidency.

C. African Republic

Muslims killed in rural massacre

Christian militiamen killed at least 70 people in the remote southwest of Central African Republic, at one point ordering a group of Muslims to lie on the ground and shooting them one by one, witnesses said Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congo

Militia attacks displace thousands

The UN says 400,000 people have been displaced in recent months by fighting involving local militia groups in Congo's mineral-rich southeast Katanga province. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defiant Ugandan pres. signs anti-gay bill



Ugandan students from different schools take part in an event organized by born-again Christians to celebrate the signing of a new anti-gay bill that sets harsh penalties for homosexual sex, at the Omega Healing Center outside of Kampala, Uganda, on Monday. STEPHEN WANDERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Abhorrent.' White House press secretary Jay Carney says the country took a step backward and urged for the law's repeal

Uganda's president on Monday signed an anti-gay bill that punishes gay sex with up to life in prison, a measure likely to send Uganda's beleaguered gay community further underground as the police try to implement it amid fevered anti-gay sentiment across the country.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni said the bill, which goes into effect immediately, was needed because the West is promoting homosexuality in Africa. Museveni may have defied Western pressure to shelve the bill four years and many versions after it was introduced, but his move —

likely to galvanize support ahead of presidential elections — pleased many Ugandans who repeatedly urged him to sign the legislation. Nigeria's president similarly signed an anti-gay bill into law just over a month ago, sparking increased violence against gays who already were persecuted in mob attacks. Some watchdog groups warn a similar backlash of violence may occur in Uganda.

"Experience from other jurisdictions with similarly draconian laws, such as Nigeria or Russia, indicates that their implementation is often followed by a surge in violence against individuals thought to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender," the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission said in a statement Monday. "The Ugandan government has not indicated any plans to counter such violence or to investigate potential allegations of abuse."

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Russia. Sochi's over, let the 'Gay Games' begin

Sochi's Olympics ended on a high note, with a closing ceremony full of spectacle and humour, to make the world forget controversies over cost and human rights. But the next Games are about to begin and could prove even more challenging.

The 'Open Games' start Wednesday, the creation of Russia's LGBT Sports Federation. Around 250 athletes from 11 countries are arriving in Moscow to compete in events including badminton, swimming and skiing over a packed five-day program. Athletes need not

be gay themselves, but "pro tolerance."

The Federation states their aim is to challenge Russia's laws on homosexuality, such as a ban on 'promoting' or publicizing gay events. It hopes to "empower LGBT and other people to struggle for their rights in the homophobic environment."

The organizers, led by former security service employee Viktor Romanov and ex-figure skater Konstantin Yablotskiy, claim they have showed respect for the Sochi Games by timing their event to begin afterwards.

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Around 250 athletes from 11 countries are arriving in Moscow to compete in the 'Open Games,' put together by Russia's LGBT Sports Federation to challenge the country's stance on homosexuality. CONTRIBUTED

Arizona. Group tries to stop no service for gays bill

Arizona's biggest business advocacy group called on Gov. Jan Brewer Monday to veto a bill allowing business owners with strongly held religious beliefs to refuse service to gays.

The legislation that passed last week has triggered a national backlash from supporters of gay rights, and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry is among business groups requesting a veto.

Three Republican state senators who voted for the bill are now urging Brewer to veto it.

Sen. Bob Worsley says he and Sens. Adam Driggs and Steve Pierce sent a letter to Brewer Monday asking her to strike down the legislation. Worsley says he was uncomfortable when he voted for the bill. Both he and Pierce called their votes a mistake.

The business chamber said the bill could hurt tourism and open the door to lawsuits against businesses.

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Pope creates new council for financial reforms

Economics secretariat.

Commission of inquiry leads to first overhaul of Vatican bureaucracy in a quarter century

Pope Francis on Monday announced the creation of an economics secretariat to control all economic, administrative, personnel and procurement functions of the Holy See.

Australian Cardinal George Pell, one of Francis' core eight cardinal advisers and a sharp critic of current Vatican governance, was named prefect of the new office. He reports to a new 15-member economy council made up of eight cardinals reflecting various parts of the world and seven lay experts.

Francis was elected pope a year ago on a mandate to reform the Vatican after documents stolen by Pope Benedict XVI's butler revealed the Holy See bureaucracy to be dysfunctional, Machiavellian world of petty turf battles, corruption and political intrigue.

Pell, the outgoing archbishop of Sydney, was remarkably candid about the 2012 leaks scandal, saying it showed a failure of governance under Benedict.

Commission findings

The new structure is the result of a commission of inquiry appointed by Francis last summer to recommend ways to improve efficiency and transparency and reduce waste. Last week, with Francis' Group of Eight cardinal advisers present, the commission reported its findings.

- The pope has yet to announce any decision on the findings of the other commission of inquiry, concerning the scandal-marred Vatican bank. That commission also presented its recommendations last week.

The new economics body covers the budgets, financial planning and administration of the Holy See — the central governing structure of the Catholic Church — and the 44-hectare Vatican City State in central Rome which includes the profit-making Vatican Museums and Vatican's post office.

An auditor will be empowered to conduct audits of any Vatican agency, at any time, the announcement said.

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Pope Francis meets with Haiti's President Michel Joseph Martelly during a private audience at the Vatican, Monday. CLAUDIO PERI, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Venezuela

Gov't blocks access to websites, protest app

The battle for Venezuela is being fought as vigorously online as in the streets, with Internet service cut off to a strife-torn university city and the government blocking selected websites and apps as anti-government demonstrations continue.

On Thursday night, the U.S. company Zello said

that Venezuela's state-run telecoms company, CANTV, had blocked access to the push-to-talk "walkie-talkie" app for smartphones and computers that has been a hugely popular organizing tool for protesters from Egypt to Ukraine.

Last week the government blocked images on Twitter after violence in Caracas claimed three lives amid protests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Morocco

Hundreds storm Spanish border

Hundreds of sub-Saharan migrants armed with sticks and stones stormed the six-metre-high barbed wire border fence on Monday in a bid to enter Spain's northwest African enclave of Melilla from Morocco, with about 100 of them making it across, Spanish and Moroccan officials said.

Moroccan forces arrested 96 of the migrants, 14 of whom were hospitalized in the nearby city of Nador, according to a Moroccan Interior Ministry statement. It said 13 security force members were injured by the stone-throwing migrants.

Spain said 500 migrants were involved in the assault while Morocco put the figure at 300.

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School of ska, rocksteady, reggae brings Jamaican sounds to world

Alpha Boys' School. Facility has long been the cradle of Jamaica's music culture — and a beacon of hope for at-risk youngsters

Barefoot and dressed in donated clothes, 12-year-old Renaldo Brown methodically plays scales on a flute under the canopy of trees at a Jamaican vocational school renowned for nurturing many of this music-steeped island's top instrumentalists.

"It's challenging but I like it," said the serious boy from the gritty Jamaican city of Spanish Town, tapping the keys on the silver-coloured wind instrument as he spoke.

Renaldo is among two dozen boys from impoverished backgrounds who are discov-

ering a new world through music after being placed by family courts at Alpha Boys' School in Kingston. Some of the boys are orphans, while others are placed at the home because of neglect, abuse or because their parents can't control them.

Decade after decade, Alpha alumni have emerged from the residential facility that has been operated by Catholic nuns since the late 19th century, to bring the sounds of Jamaican ska, rocksteady and reggae to the world.

But despite its outsized role in developing Jamaica's world-famous music, the musical hothouse in Kingston is increasingly squeezed between rising costs and shrinking state support, barely scraping by on the \$60 US weekly the government provides per student. The budget crunch has become so bad administrators say they will be



The Alpha Boys' School band's bass drum proudly announces its affiliation.
DAVID MCFADDEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

forced to eliminate the program's residential side.

In response, the school is building up its own revenue-generating businesses, including a recently launched Alpha Wear clothing line and an Internet radio station that draws 60,000 people monthly

by broadcasting tunes featuring alumni. School director Sister Susan Frazer said the online radio program isn't bringing in revenue yet, but is expected to eventually raise money through sponsorship and advertising.

Frazer, a member of the

Alumni

Past students who transcended rough starts in life to become top musicians include the four founding members of the influential band The Skatalites, the late free-form jazz pioneer Joe Harriott, and dancehall deejay Yellowman.

- Others have found work as formidable backup players and session musicians, in Jamaica and other countries.

pects," she said. "It won't be just instrument playing, but rather the whole business of music."

Joshua Chamberlain, a volunteer and organizer at the school, said Alpha plans to create a state-of-the-art recording studio on campus that would lure professional talent from overseas hoping to tap into the school's musical mystique.

Chamberlain said it's expected that youngsters will soon augment their instrument lessons by learning about digital media production, recording and promotion. School officials have been raising funds from private companies, institutions and donors, and are now trying to get \$23,000 US in donations through the crowdfunding website Kickstarter to launch a basic on-air radio station to complement its on-line one. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Pentagon chief unveils plans to downsize army

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Monday proposed shrinking the U.S. Army to its smallest size in 74 years, closing military bases and making other military-wide savings as part of a broad reshaping after more than a decade of war.

Hagel outlined his vision in a speech at the Pentagon, a week before President Barack Obama is to submit his 2015 budget plan to Congress.

Hagel said that U.S. forces must adjust to the reality of smaller budgets, even as he asserted that the United States faces a more volatile, more unpredictable world that requires a more nimble military.

Under the Hagel plan, which Congress could change, the active-duty Army would shrink from its current 522,000 soldiers to between 440,000 and 450,000. That would make it the smallest since just before the U.S. entered World War II.

Hagel said Obama's budget proposal will include a government-wide "Opportunity, Growth and Security Initiative" that would provide the Pentagon with \$26 billion



Pentagon chief Chuck Hagel is recommending shrinking the U.S. Army to its smallest size in decades in the 2015 budget. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

US on top of the \$496 billion US it is due to receive in 2015 under terms of the budget deal passed by the Congress two months ago.

Among the bolder moves in Hagel's proposal is the elimination of the Air Force's fleet of A-10 aircraft as well as its venerable U-2 spy planes, as well as reductions in the size of the Army National Guard. Those moves are expected to draw some opposition in Congress.

Hagel said the administration will propose a new

round of domestic military base closings in 2017, while noting that Congress has rejected such requests in recent years.

The last time the active-duty army was below 500,000 was in 2005, when it stood at 492,000. Its post-World War II low was 480,000 in 2001, according to historical tables. In 1940 the army had 267,000 active-duty members, and it surged to 1.46 million the following year as the U.S. approached entry into World War II. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Alpha Boys' School

Former students keep the school's legacy going around the world

At the Alpha Boys' School, students between eight and 18 are taught self-discipline and pride while learning to read music and understand harmony and composition, if they don't focus on the school's more traditional trades like woodworking and tailoring. Alpha currently has about 85 kids, and 25 of them are in the music program.

"You'll find old students from Alpha keeping the legacy going just about everywhere. If you go to France, you'll see Alpha boys playing music professionally. You go to Germany or New York, you'll see Alpha boys," said Winston "Sparrow" Martin, an alumnus

who has provided a musical foundation to many boys as the school's longtime band instructor while forging his own international recording career.

Classical, jazz and folk music were long part of the curricula. But when the Caribbean island got wind of American rhythm and blues through distant radio signals picked up at night in the 1950s, Alpha students with trumpets, trombones and other instruments transformed that music to create upbeat-accented ska, which later evolved into rocksteady and reggae.

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Long history

1892

Alpha's music program dates back to 1892, when boys participated in a drum and fife corps. The outfit evolved into a famed brass band under the school's longtime matriarch, Sister Mary Ignatius Davies, an avid record collector who encouraged students' musical talents for decades before her death in 2003 at age 81.

Boys' School in Kingston, Jamaica, has been a cornerstone of Jamaica's prolific musical culture for over a century, producing musicians who have taken the musical genres rocksteady and reggae to the world. Above, 11-year-old Tyrone Muirhead on the trumpet practices with the school band. DAVID MCFADDEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overcrowding prompts hunger strike at Greek prison hospital

Inmates of Greece's only prison hospital said Monday they were on hunger strike and were refusing medication to protest severely overcrowded conditions they say are leading to the spread of disease.

Korydallos prison hospital, west of Athens, is designed to hold 60 men but currently houses more than 200, according to prison staff and inmates. Most are HIV positive. Others have cancer, kidney failure and heart problems and are held in close quarters with those suffering from communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis and

scabies.

Three inmates at the hospital told the Associated Press that 178 prisoners began refusing prison food and medication on Feb. 16, after two cases of tuberculosis were identified among inmates who had not been isolated from other patients.

They said 150-160 of the protesters began a full-blown hunger strike Sunday, while those too severely ill to participate were eating only bread. The protesters were also refusing medication, including anti-retroviral and cancer drugs.

The inmates said a Jus-

tice Ministry response under which certain ailing inmates would be released early under strict conditions was not enough and would only lead to the release of about 30 patients.

Protesters posted photos on social media showing inmates sleeping on double bunks packed tightly together and on mattresses on the floor. One ailing man lies on a bunk, a drip in his arm fixed to a mop handle due to lack of equipment. The posters said the photos were taken within the last week.

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Militant infighting?

Top leader in Pakistani Taliban dies in shooting

Gunmen killed a top leader of the Pakistani Taliban in a tribal region near Afghan border on Monday, intelligence officials and militant commanders said.

Asmatullah Shaheen Bitani and three aides reportedly died in a shooting in Darga Mandi area of

North Waziristan.

The officials said it was not clear whether the killing was militant infighting, or if Pakistani security forces killed him, or if Bitani was shot by someone who wanted the government bounty of 10 million rupees (\$95,000 US) on him.

Bitani was appointed interim chief of the group after a suspected U.S. drone strike killed his former chief Hakimullah Mehsud last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anders Behring Breivik

Mass murderer's gripes dismissed

Police in Norway say they have rejected a complaint by convicted mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik about poor prison conditions. Among other things, Breivik complained about being kept in isolation and demanded better video games, a sofa and a larger gym. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Coffee wars brewing from coast-to-coast

Joe drama. The once seemingly indomitable Tim Hortons is facing a big push from rivals McDonald's, Starbucks



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On the ice, Tim Horton was known to dole out "Horton hugs," squeezing his rivals until they couldn't breathe.

Now, 50 years after Horton opened his first coffee shop, Tim Hortons Inc. execs will need to channel its founder's defensive style as it prepares to hit back in an increasingly crowded market.

Although Tim Hortons still dominates the Canadian coffee market, holding just over 75 per cent of it with about 3,500 outlets in Canada, the company recently missed analysts' profit expectations for 2013. On Tuesday, Tim's will unveil its plan to squeeze key players like McDonald's McCafé and Starbucks, which have dropped the gloves in the fight for java supremacy.

When Tim's opened its first store in Hamilton in May 1964, it had the arena to itself, said Douglas Hunter, who has written books on both Horton and Hortons.

"Tim's could expand easily, move right next to McDonald's and it didn't mat-

ter, they were selling different products."

It matters now.

McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd. is aggressively going after longtime Tim's fans.

In 2007, the burger giant jolted its competitors by winning a Consumer Reports taste test. When the Golden Arches launched McCafé in Canada in 2009, it gave away its coffee for free. McD's aggressive game has reaped rewards: it has doubled its market share here to about 10 per cent in under five years.

This week customers can get a free coffee in a sleek brown-and-white cup at one of McDonald's almost 1,500 outposts in Canada. But free java will not sway Yasha Grey, a 25-year-old master's student in St. Catharines, Ont., who usually orders a single-single (one cream, one sugar), coming in a Tim's iconic red-and-yellow Roll

Up the
Rim to
Win

cup these days.

"It may sound cheesy, but I really like that Tim Hortons is Canadian," Grey said. "I like its homey, country feel."

Cheesy or not, serving up a side of Canadiana works.

The power of patriotism is now percolating over at Starbucks Canada. The world java juggernaut first came to Canada in 1987 with a single outlet in Vancouver. It now has more than 1,000 outlets here and will open about 100 more this year. Its baristas now pour a Canada-only brew named True North into minimalist green-and-white cups. And, as we enter maple-syrup season, Starbucks is unveiling the Maple Macchiato next week.

While Timothy's Coffees of the World Inc. and The Second Cup Ltd. opened their doors in Canada 12 years before Star-

bucks, they
have
not

By the numbers

\$898M

Tim Hortons reported it had earned \$898.5 million in revenue during the fourth quarter, up 10.7 per cent from a year earlier, but a smaller profit than analysts were expecting.

been able to maintain their head start.

Timothy's grew from one store in London to about 139 in 2009. It is down to about 100 stores after its wholesale and retail businesses were spun off and sold to U.S. companies.

Second Cup started as a kiosk in a Toronto mall and now has about 350 cafés. It dropped its CEO late last year after it posted a loss of \$8.5 million. But the chain is mounting

a comeback under Alix Box, who once worked as an executive at Starbucks and officially took the reins Monday.

Unlike its smaller Canadian compatriots, Tim's has been able to stay ahead of international competitors so far.

But to some, the chain is starting to taste stale and needs to brew up a fresh pot of business fast.

"We are moving into a different era. The baby boomers Tim's has relied on are getting older," said Douglas Stephens, a leading retail analyst based in Toronto.

In a bid to attract baby boomers' kids and grandkids, all coffee sellers must hatch bold strategies.

We love coffee, with a whopping 65 per cent of us drinking it daily, according to a study by the Coffee Association of Canada, but changing demographics mean changing tastes.

Millennials demand that products be healthy and ethically sourced.

Oh, and also cheap.

And many new Canadians don't even drink coffee, opting for tea instead, noted Stephens.

Like the real Horton, Tim Hortons' top brass will have to mount a strong defence if the chain is to remain the top player in the good ol' coffee game.

Hipster havens

Here are some top independent coffee shops across Canada luring hipsters away from Starbucks, Tim Hortons and McDonald's.

• **Vancouver.** JJ Bean: Established in 1996; 15 locations, as of March; its specialties are the cappuccino and vegan-friendly Very Berry Muffin.

• **Calgary.** Caffè Artigiano: Established in 2000; 12 locations in Western Canada; its specialty is the cappuccino (espresso, milk and foam).

• **Edmonton.** Leva: Established in 2003; one location; its specialties are the cappuccino and croissants.

• **Regina.** Atlantis Coffee: Established in 2000; one location; its specialties are the cappuccino and Prairie Cherry Scone.

• **Winnipeg.** Parlour Coffee: Established in 2011; one location; its specialties are wet-foam cappuccinos (flat white) and pour-over coffees.

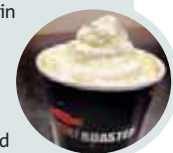
• **Saskatoon.** Collective Coffee: Established in 2011; its specialties are artisan espresso and single-origin coffee.

• **London.** The Fire Roasted Coffee Co.: Established in 2013; two locations; its specialty is El Toro Bravo, an espresso and hot chocolate latte made with real chocolate.

• **Toronto.** Sam James Coffee Bar: Established in 2009; three locations; its specialty is the cappuccino.

• **Ottawa.** Bridgehead: Established in 2000; 15 locations; its specialties are the cappuccino and Morning Bun.

• **Halifax.** Two If By Sea Café: Established in 2009; two locations; its specialties are chocolate croissants and drip coffee.



At-home

The coffee pot has gone to pod

Pots are out, pods are in.

"In the at-home category, single-serve machines have been a category disruptive phenomenon," said Sandy

McAlpine, head of the Coffee Association of Canada.

Keurig, Tassimo and Nespresso currently dominate the market, said McAlpine.

The focus of Tim Hortons, McDonald's and Starbucks is take-out brew, but the at-home market can't be ignored.

Just over half of Canadians make their cuppa at home daily, while only 24 per cent buy takeout every day, noted McAlpine.

In response, Tim's announced last week it will expand its Keurig K-discs and

Tassimo T-discs to grocery-store shelves later this year. McD's, under its McCafé brand, has teamed up with Kraft and will test selling pods in U.S. grocery stores soon. Starbucks opted to launch its own machine and pods, called Verismo, in its Canadian stores in late 2012.

Pods have certainly perked up the home market, and the

takeout coffee champs have all set their sights on adding some at-home fans to their base.



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Only in America. McMuffin vs. Waffle Taco in breakfast smackdown

Egg McMuffin, meet the Waffle Taco.

Taco Bell is readying for the launch of its national breakfast menu in the U.S. on March 27, with items such as the A.M. Crunchwrap designed to appeal to its fan base of younger men. And the chain says breakfast will be available until 11 a.m. — a half hour longer than McDonald's offers its Egg McMuffins.

"We can turn the breakfast conversation into a two horse race," Taco Bell president Brian Niccol said in an inter-



view, noting that Taco Bell intends to be a "strong number two" after McDonald's in America.

McDonald's has long been the fast-food leader in the mornings in the U.S., with its popular Sausage Biscuits, Hotcakes and other items pulling in roughly 20 per cent of the company's U.S. sales. But the chain has been facing stiffer competition in recent years, with competitors such as Starbucks and Subway rolling out breakfast sandwiches as well.

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Latest offerings

Sony 'stands on shoulders' of older products

Sony is borrowing innovations from its audio and camcorder businesses and incorporating its new Xperia Z2 smartphone with noise-cancelling technology and ultra-high-definition video recording.

Noise cancellation works with an in-ear headset sold separately for 60 euros (\$82 US). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Voice service coming

Hey, what's up? Talk with pals via WhatsApp soon

WhatsApp, the popular messaging service for smartphones acquired by Facebook, will soon be offering a voice service.

CEO Jan Koum said the voice service will be deployed for Android and iPhones this spring, with BlackBerry and Microsoft and Nokia phones coming later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White elephants or lasting investments?

As the sun sets on the Sochi 2014 Winter Games in Russia, the future is uncertain. For the host cities, the real challenge begins with the end of the Olympics. How do they continue to use the expensive stadiums after the party's over? What happens to the athletes' villages? What is the legacy of the games? Here's a look at what some past summer and winter games sites around the world look like post-Olympics.

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Sarajevo, Bosnia: Gone downhill

Wartime destruction and negligence have turned most of Sarajevo's 1984 Winter Olympic venues into painful reminders of the city's golden times.

Atlanta: Home of the Braves

After the 1996 games, the Olympics stadium in Atlanta was converted into Turner Field, the baseball stadium that's been home to the Atlanta Braves for the past several years.



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Vancouver: On track, so far

All games venues from the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver remain in use, with local authorities funding a \$110 million trust to make sure that they don't fall into disrepair.



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Nagano, Japan: David and Goliaths

In Nagano, Japan, a city with a population of just 387,000, five large structures were built for the 1998 Winter Games. They are in use, but many say the venues are too big and costly to maintain for the size of the town.



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Contribution deadline looms

Last-minute tips. You have until March 3 to deposit money into retirement savings fund

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The deadline for making your RRSP contribution is approaching, but there is still time to contribute.

Check the bottom of your 2012 notice of assessment to see how much contribution room you have accumulated (any unused room is carried forward and the total unused balanced will be shown there). Canadians can contribute up to 18 per cent of earned income to the maximum room, which is \$23,820 for 2013.

Here are some last-minute contribution tips.

- Mark March 3 on your calendar — that's the cut-off date for 2013 contributions. Most financial institutions are open later and on weekends to accommodate the last-minute rush. Or contribute via Internet banking.
- Don't over-think it. If you need help deciding where to put your RRSP contribu-



March 3 is the deadline to contribute to your RRSP for the 2013 financial year. VLADIMIR GJORGIEV/SHUTTERSTOCK

tion, just put it into a high-interest savings account or a low-risk money market mutual fund, says Christopher Dewdney, a Toronto financial adviser and member of Advocis, The Financial Advisors Association of Canada. "It doesn't matter where it's goes just as long as it's registered. You'll receive a tax deduction and can create a properly allocated and

well diversified portfolio at a later date."

- Use money from your tax-free savings account (TFSA). "If you need a tax deduction and you don't have access to cash but you do have money in a TFSA, move the money from your TFSA into your RRSP." With the TFSA, you can use that room again beginning January of the following year.

- Take out an RRSP catch-up loan. All financial institutions offer these loans, which allow you to borrow money for your RRSP. Keep in mind that if the loan is over too long a period, you could offset the gains (tax deduction) you get with the RRSP, Dewdney said.
- If your income was lower than previous years and you might not need the RRSP deduction, it's still a good idea

to contribute, Dewdney said. "You can always defer the contribution to a future year if that will be more beneficial."

- For next year. Set up a systematic contribution plan now and you will be off to a good start for next year. "Even if you want to make a larger contribution come tax time, you'll already have a base," Dewdney said.

A secret to saving more money

Do you want to know a secret? There is another tax-free way to save for retirement that the taxman doesn't really want you to know. It's called universal life insurance, a special financial security portfolio that gives you life and health insurance coverage and a tax-deferred saving component.

Insurance experts from Desjardins Insurance spoke more about universal life insurance.

What makes this product special?

It's attractive because it allows you to reduce your tax burden by moving some of your taxable money and sheltering it within the universal life policy. Your money grows more efficiently allowing you to achieve an earlier retirement. This is especially effective if you tend to maximize your annual RRSP contribution. It's like moving your coins from a pocket with a hole in it to one with no hole. Universal life is very flexible and totally conforms to your needs because you can add or remove features and increase or decrease premiums at any time.

So how does it work?

The individual designs the portfolio based on their current personal and/or family priorities. They may choose from a variety of insurances including term, whole life and/or critical illness. The monthly minimum deposit covers the cost of the insurance and anything above this will accumulate in a tax advantaged savings account.

How can I invest my money under the savings component?

There are a lot of investment options available. For example, you can choose between guaranteed deposits or index funds. These funds can be accessed anytime, barring any restrictions attached to the investment type, making this an ideal emergency or retirement fund.

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Impact. Divorce can split assets



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Going through a divorce is difficult at any age, but grey divorces involving couples 50 years or older can have a major impact on their retirement plans and assets like an RRSP.

A recent study by Winnipeg-based Investors Group found that about 80 per cent of grey divorcees say they will probably delay their retirement because they need to work longer than planned and 62 per cent said their post-divorce savings and investments will no longer be adequate to fund their retirement.

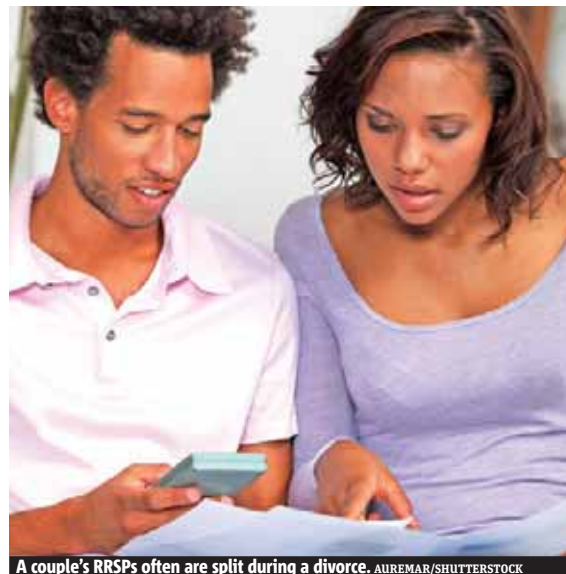
"In a divorce you might feel emotionally liberated but financially you could be a lot worse off," said Chris Buttigieg, senior manager, wealth planning strategy with BMO Financial Group. "Divorce

poses some really challenges for people when retirement is around the corner."

In case of separation or divorce, either you or your spouse can transfer existing RRSPs to the other without being subject to tax provided you are living apart when property and assets are settled and provided you have a written separation agreement or a court order.

A couple's RRSPs often are split between partners during a divorce, but a lot of what happens will depend on the terms of the settlement.

Attribution rules (tax rules to prevent excess income splitting) regarding spousal RRSP and RRIF (registered retirement income fund) withdrawals will not apply to any withdrawals made after you and your spouse have begun to live separately and apart. Your soon-to-be-ex can continue to



A couple's RRSPs often are split during a divorce. AUREMAR/SHUTTERSTOCK

make spousal RRSP contributions to your spousal RRSP until the date you cease to be spouses, or the date of divorce.

"Women tend to have more attachment to the home but liquid assets tend to go the other spouse," Buttigieg said. "In cases like these there's a danger of becoming house rich and

cash poor and finding yourself in the situation of wondering how you're going to carry the house and expenses."

One of the big problems with divorce is that it is often a bitter experience, which can affect your judgment.

The Investors Group study found that people who charac-

terized their divorce as bitter experienced greater financial difficulties than those whose divorce was more cordial, such as managing living expenses after the divorce or separation, stress from the division of assets, the cost of divorce proceedings and no longer having enough retirement savings.

"Divorce is an emotional process that can cloud your ability to make sound financial decisions that will ultimately affect your future," said Christine Van Cauwenberghe, assistant vice-president of tax and estate planning with Investors Group. "With limited earning power and less time to recoup financial losses, grey divorcees need to revisit their financial plans."

A good financial planner will help you assess your financial situation, clarify your goals as a new single person and advise you on what you can do to meet those goals.

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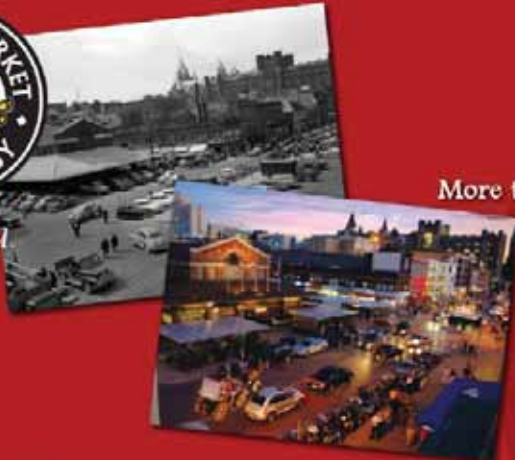
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A hotbed for gaming development

Evolution. Ottawa continues to make an international name for itself in the industry

PETER DOYLE
For Metro

Ottawa has quickly become one of Canada's top locations for developing mobile games, thanks to factors such as a strong IT culture, a large corps of game aficionados, and dedicated university and college programs.

An indication of the city's international reputation is the remarkable success Ottawa game developers have had with crowd-funding initiatives. RimWorld and River City Ransom, for instance, have raised more than \$200,000 each from online donors — typically gamers — from around the world. Other games, such as Windforge and Starwhal, have also raised tens of thousands of dollars to fund their development.



Ottawa participants in the International Game Developers Association Global Game Jam at Algonquin College spawned a unique bomb-defusing game using 3D goggles and a motion-detector controller. CONTRIBUTED

The roots of this success can be traced to Ottawa's telecommunications and IT industry. John Criswick, the co-founder of Magmic, one of the city's largest game-development firms, started a string of Ottawa IT companies in the 1990s, including some that built browsers for

Nortel. Nearly a decade ago, Magmic created a mobile version of the poker game Texas hold'em that is played by millions worldwide. Criswick sees the rise of Ottawa's mobile game industry as a natural progression.

"Many of us who helped develop some of the infra-

structure for wireless have kept up with the industry's evolution," Criswick said.

Today, Ottawa's game development industry rests on three pillars: Large companies such as Magmic, Fuel and Playbrains; smaller companies such as Smoke Labs, Arctic Empire and Snowed

In; and a sizable community of independents — people who develop games either on their own or through communal groups such as Dirty Rectangles.

Independents play a valuable role in the development of games, a fact celebrated each year in the Global Game Jam. Organized by the International Game Developers Association, the jam is comprised of events held on the same weekend in hundreds of cities worldwide. Participants in each city work together to conceive of and develop new games. The Ottawa event, hosted by Algonquin College, spawned a unique bomb-defusing game using 3D goggles and a motion detector controller. Titled Keep Talking and No-body Explodes, the game has caught the attention of gamers worldwide.

"Ottawa continues to make a name for itself in the game development industry," said Kyle McInnes, co-founder of Smoke Labs, an Ottawa company specializing in iPhone applications.

Pick Your Place!

National Capital Commission Launches Riverfront Placemaking Initiative

The National Capital Commission (NCC) is seeking innovative proposals from businesses, community organizations and not-for-profit organizations, including recreational and arts groups, for placemaking pilot projects that will enliven and bring more vitality to open public spaces along the shorelines of the historic Ottawa River.

"As the steward and planner of these lands, we hope that this open call for proposals will result in innovative and exciting projects that will animate public spaces, connect key attractions and important sites, and enhance the public's enjoyment of these prestigious shorelines. These projects will support the NCC's goal of making Canada's Capital Region and the Ottawa River shorelines vibrant and inspiring to all Canadians."

— Dr. Mark Kristmanson,
Chief Executive Officer of the NCC

The NCC will collaborate with proponents to facilitate the implementation of projects as early as this summer. It will consider proposals



both for projects that are seasonal and for those that are year-round. Successful proposals will be considered pilot projects for a maximum of five years.

The Ottawa Riverfront Placemaking Initiative will mirror the successful animation initiative started two years ago along the shores of the Rideau Canal. Since then, the NCC has facilitated several projects, including ice cream carts, pop-up patios with gourmet food trucks, an outdoor library and the popular 8 Locks' Flat, an outdoor bistro with a free beach area for visitors to sit and admire the spectacular views. Colin Goodfellow, operator of 8 Locks' Flat, reflected on his perspective as a participant in this initiative.

"My experience with the NCC has been tremendously positive and collaborative. Since the launch of the Rideau Canal Shorelines Initiative two years ago, 8 Locks' Flat has become a great site for activities along the Rideau Canal, and I look forward to continued collaboration with the NCC."

A recent public survey indicated that 96 percent of respondents agreed that the Rideau Canal Shorelines Initiative helped make the downtown core more vibrant and inviting. The majority also agreed that these types of initiatives encourage people to visit the shorelines more often and to stay longer when they do.

Place•mak•ing /plās/'mōking/

Placemaking involves the planning, design, management and programming of public spaces. It facilitates creative patterns of activities and connections that define a place and support its ongoing evolution. The placemaking process capitalizes on a local community's assets, inspiration and potential — ultimately creating good public spaces that promote people's health, happiness and well-being. It takes a place to create a community, and a community to create a place.

— Project for Public Spaces

Proposals for the Ottawa Riverfront Placemaking Initiative will be accepted until Friday, March 14, 2014, at 5 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

Further details about the request for expressions of interest are available on the NCC's website.



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Jenna Suds, executive director of the Kanata North BIA, says the Ottawa tech sector is thriving despite the demise of Nortel Networks in 2004. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

Kanata's exciting new IT landscape

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For Metro

Ottawa's Silicon Valley North is back — just look at the momentum and energy behind the Kanata North BIA, says Jenna Suds, the organization's executive director. It's indicative of the region regaining its reputation as a renowned hub of technology and innovation, she said.

The BIA, launched last September, represents more than 500 member compan-

ies that mostly reside in the Kanata North Research Park and the Kanata North Technology Campus. Eighty per cent of members are in the IT sector while 15 per cent are companies that service those tech companies.

The area, long referred to as Silicon Valley North during the heydays of technological heavyweight Nortel Networks, seemed to suffer a heavy blow when the company filed for bankruptcy in 2009. Since then, however, the region has spawned dozens of new high-tech

Further growth

"In the next five years, you're going to see interesting technology developments and further growth in the software industry."

Jenna Suds, Kanata North BIA executive director

companies and thousands of high-paying jobs.

"A lot of doors were opened post-Nortel," Suds said. "The people at Nortel were highly educated with a specific and valuable skill set. When they lost their jobs, many seized the op-

portunity to take control of their own futures and a large portion started their own businesses."

Of the 500 businesses in the Kanata North BIA, about 15 are large and quite successful companies. Ericsson, for example, has a staff of

950 people, while Alcatel-Lucent employs 2,300 people. Many companies are in expansion mode: CISCO expects to create about 1,700 new R&D positions in the next several years; Huawei, with 200 employees, continues to grow; and Mitel recently acquired PrairieFyre and Aastra.

Most other BIA members are small and medium-sized businesses poised for growth and many are making big strides, Suds said.

"In the next five years, you're going to see inter-

esting technology developments and further growth in the software industry."

Besides the highly educated workforce and access to world-class universities and talent, there are many advantages to having a high-tech business in Kanata, Suds said.

"This is where your competitors and customers are. There is easy access to the airport and 400-series highways. This area also offers a great quality of life with good schools, amenities and affordable housing."



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Dialling up 5G technology in Ottawa

R&D. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. has chosen Ottawa to work on project

PETER DOYLE
For Metro

With the race on to develop 5G — the fifth generation of wireless technologies — the world's largest telecommunications firm is focusing its research here in Ottawa.

Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd., the Chinese multinational, invests billions of dollars annually in research and development and maintains 20 research campuses around the globe. To develop 5G, though, the company has chosen Ottawa, where its campus employs approximately 200 people.

"For those in the industry, Ottawa's advantages are not news," said Scott Bradley, Huawei's vice-president of corporate and government affairs. "The IT industry has a long history of success here, there are strong post-secondary institutions to partner with, and favourable government policies. The exceptional quality of life also makes it relatively easy to attract the best and brightest from around the world."

Huawei makes the most of these advantages by partnering with Canadian universities on 5G research projects and by hiring several top local talent, such as former Nortel researchers Wen Tong and Peiyong Zhu, both now senior Huawei fellows. Last November, Huawei staged an international conference, 5G@CANADA: Shaping the Future of Wireless, in Ottawa.



Huawei Consumer Business Group CEO Richard Yu discusses photo capabilities of the Ascend Mate 2 4G smartphone during the 2014 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month. Ottawa is the focus of research for the next generation of smartphone communications, dubbed 5G. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Although still seven or more years away, 5G promises blazing fast data-transfer speeds of 10 gigabits per second — up to 100 times faster than current networks. At that speed, a consumer could download a high-definition movie in a few

seconds. The new technology would also extend Internet connectivity to potentially billions more devices, not just phones and tablets, but also cars, refrigerators and medical equipment. Another transformative aspect of 5G is that it would inspire entire

new network structures and significantly reduce power consumption.

Huawei began investing in 5G in 2009 and plans to spend more than \$600 million on its development by 2018. Since 2010, Huawei has spent \$80 million on R&D in Ottawa,

most of it on 5G. Huawei has also contributed millions of dollars to research conducted by Canadian universities.

In June 2011, for instance, the company signed a five-year, \$1.4-million agreement to provide services, equipment and technical expertise

to Carleton University and establish a research lab dedicated to cloud computing. Although other industry heavyweights such as Ericsson and Samsung are also investing heavily in 5G development, Huawei concentrates its efforts in Ottawa.

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A team of Magmic developers celebrate the 10th anniversary of the company's Texas hold'em King app, which has had 100 million downloads. CONTRIBUTED

Gaming. Collaboration is a way of life for firms

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For Metro

Companies in Ottawa's mobile game industry live a double life of sorts — competing to develop the next big game, while simultaneously collaborating to develop local talent and build the city's reputation.

Most Ottawa companies active in the sector follow a two-track business model — developing games of their own and completing game development contracts for large multinational firms such as Mattel. Companies often share large contracts to ensure that the sudden (and often temporary) increases in workload don't detract from the development of original games. And many industry leaders teach or lecture at the post-secondary or programs in multimedia design and game development at Carleton University and Algonquin College, respectively.

"Ottawa's development community collaborates all the time," said Kyle McInnes, co-founder of

Fostering innovation

"A rising tide raises all ships. Improving individual skills and fostering innovation strengthens the whole sector and, ultimately, benefits all companies."

Kyle McInnes, co-founder of Smoke Labs

Smoke Labs, an Ottawa company specializing in iPhone applications. "And it's more than just companies sharing contracts; it's also independent developers working in groups to create and refine new titles."

The collaboration is on display during each monthly meeting of Dirty Rectangles, a collective of hundreds of Ottawa-based game designers and artists who see games as a medium of expression. The Ottawa chapter of the International Game Developers Association (IGDA) serves as another vehicle for collaboration. Invest Ottawa, the municipal organization that promotes economic development and

entrepreneurship, will host a roundtable discussion of the local IGDA chapter Feb. 26.

The sector received a big boost last year, when the leading figure in Ottawa's gaming scene, John Criswick, CEO of Magmic, established a \$4-million fund to help small studios make games that his company can publish.

"Personally, a big part of my motivation as an entrepreneur is to help create and expand Ottawa's creative industry," Criswick said. "By working together, we're making that happen."

Criswick was also a driving force behind the Ottawa International Game Conference. The third edition of the Conference, May 25-27 at the National Arts Centre, will draw more than 600 game-development professionals from around the world.

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Shopify helping drive the retail revolution

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The raging success of Shopify demonstrates the remarkable power of innovative ideas.

Founded in 2006 by two Ottawa men determined to sell snowboards online, Shopify was recently valued at \$1 billion and employs nearly 400 people at offices in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

When the founding partners recognized that their future lay not in snowboards, but in the software they created to sell them online, Shopify was born. The company continues to create and refine tools for retailers — at last count, more than 80,000 retailers in 100 countries. Shopify has moved well beyond its initial e-commerce platform and now offers a fully integrated sales system that enables retailers to sell in-store, online or on the move.

"We believe that the future of retail is about consumer choice, it's not about online versus offline," said Harley Finkelstein, Shopify's chief platform officer. "When we first started, our goal was to democratize e-commerce and now that we've established ourselves as the world's best platform for creating and managing an online store, we're moving to all commerce."

To provide a glimpse of the future of retail, last year Shopify staged events, known as Popify, in Toronto and Ottawa. Popify is a temporary store for a select group of Shopify customers — online retailers — in high-traffic areas (Ottawa's ByWard and Toronto's Kensington markets). The events drew thousands of people, enabled retailers to promote their offerings in person and enabled Shopify to demonstrate the functionality and reliability of its retail platform.

The platform provides an unprecedented level of integration — regardless of whether sales take place online, in store or at an event, the system handles payments (including credit cards), tracks inventory and generates receipts (paper or email). Earlier this year, Shopify launched a new product that enables merchants to use their phones to process credit card payments.

Thanks to this type of innovation, Shopify has attracted more \$122 million from venture capital investors. To stimulate fresh ideas, Shopify promotes collaboration among employees in a number of ways, including a peer-based recognition system. Under the system, employees acknowledge helpful colleagues using a Twitter-like internal communication platform. The company tracks data from the platform carefully and awards bonuses to the most collaborative employees.



Harley Finkelstein is Shopify's chief platform officer. Shopify was recently valued at \$1 billion and employs nearly 400 people at offices in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. CONTRIBUTED

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Filmmaking. Through the lens of local artists

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Artists don't choose independent filmmaking for the money. It's the love.

A challenge-based film festival and a new medium for showcasing Ottawa's home-grown talent are generating interest and inspiration for budding filmmakers.

Jith Paul wears so many hats that they spill out of his closet. The Ottawa native is a director, producer, editor, cinematographer, camera operator, and photographer. But that's just on the creative side.

Last year, Paul and some friends were looking for a way to reach wider audiences and generate revenue.

"Short films are not something you can sell for millions of dollars and live off of."

Indie Koala, launched last summer, is a web-based, on-demand service for independent films. It covers everything from features, documentaries and short films. Through the web-site, filmmakers can self-distribute their work, set the prices (usually less than



Jith Paul on the set of *Algebra*, his directorial debut. JEAN-FRANÇOIS DUFAL PHOTO

\$10) and set the rental period. Filmmakers can also send unlock codes to broadcasters and international film festival organizers to watch the films.

But Paul said he has no designs into delving deeper into the distribution side of things over the long term.

"For me, personally, I'd like to grow more as a director. I'm not in this making a business to do video on-demand. I'm a creative person and I want to make films. I just want to give myself and other filmmakers a way to monetize some of that."

Another huge boost to the local filmmaking scene is Digi60, the Ottawa Digital Filmmakers Festival. It's a showcase, challenge and competition all in one. Screenwriters are given a "catch," a theme each film must incorporate. They get a few days to work on their ideas, pitch them to filmmakers, and then have 60 days to shoot it.

"Having a deadline kind of propels people, and competition works, too, because you want to do better than a movie from last year," Paul said.



Patient Jackie Barr, from left, and Ottawa Hospital staffers Konnie Cliffe, Maureen Larock, and Brigitte Skinner show off new warming blanket technology developed at the hospital. CONTRIBUTED

Thinking critically about patient care

Patients first. Ottawa Hospital promotes culture of innovation among its staff

PETER
DOYLE
For Metro

The Ottawa Hospital continues to develop and implement innovations proven to improve patient outcomes. The key, according to president and CEO Dr. Jack Kitts, is to promote a culture of innovation.

"We encourage all 12,000 members of our staff to think critically about the care we deliver and how we deliver it," Kitts said. "And we encourage them to suggest potential improvements."

The latest innovation is a heated blanket that warms patients immediately before surgery and significantly reduces the risk of infection and other complications.

"Warm bodies are better equipped to heal and fight infection after surgery," said Dr. Ian Zunder, the anesthesiologist who led the trial.

Encouragement

"We encourage all 12,000 members of our staff to think critically about the care we deliver and how we deliver it."

Ottawa Hospital CEO Dr. Jack Kitts

gist who led the trial.

Given the success of the trial, the technique — wrapping patients with special latex-free inflatable blankets — will be used in more surgeries. The Ottawa Hospital is also exploring new ways to monitor body temperature following surgery and will install heated mattress in operating room beds. The improvements are among the many inspired by the hospital's comprehensive unit-based safety program.

Another recent innovation involved a new approach to scheduling surgeries. Introduced in 2013, the approach has reduced wait times and mortality rates, and eliminated cancellations. Another trailblazing effort, led by chief of staff Dr. Jeff Turnbull, delivers

medical care in homeless shelters. Known as targeted engagement and diversion, the program targets people likely to fall through the cracks of the medical system and end up in crisis at emergency rooms, a costly and ineffective solution.

The Ottawa Hospital, along with the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine, earned three of the eight awards handed out last fall at the Provincial Innovation Showcase. The event highlights successful projects sponsored by Ontario's Innovation Fund, which supports research and innovation projects.

"We are extremely proud of all of our physicians who participated in the event and are confident that their successes will lead to the best quality of care possible for our community," Kitts said.

Ottawa's winning innovations related to cancer care, system co-ordination and patient-centred care. Each year, a committee of Ottawa physicians chooses which new projects will receive seed money from the more than \$1 million allocated to the hospital by the fund.



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Growth spurt

Projects. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson talks about the future and how the city will handle growth

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Mayor Jim Watson recently spoke with Metro about why lies ahead for the city.

Q What does the future hold for Ottawa?

A Ottawa's population is expected to grow by 30 per cent in the next couple of decades, but several projects already underway will help support that growth. The LRT is the most important one because it will ease some of the transportation problems that we already face. We can't add more buses through downtown because every one that we add slows down the ones that are already running. A light-rail network connected with the existing bus network and the OTrain will really transform the city. And many other projects, such as the Lansdowne redevelopment, will also

make Ottawa a better place to live.

Q Critics of the Lansdowne project say it will only make it harder to get around Ottawa South and the Glebe.

A Of course, there will be transportation challenges, particularly for RedBlacks games, but I believe that the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) will figure out a solution. To me, it's clear that the potential advantages of a redeveloped Lansdowne, or TD Place — CFL football, major league soccer, and additional park space, retail and other attractions — far outweigh the potential disadvantages. Tourism is the region's third-largest industry, after all.

Q What makes you so confident these projects will succeed?

A In a word, collaboration — we struck a



Mayor Jim Watson and CFL commissioner Mark Cohon check on construction of TD Place last fall. METRO OTTAWA FILE

public-private partnership for the LRT project and we continue to work with OSEG on TD Place. The city simply can't do projects of this magnitude on its own and it's folly to think that we could and still serve the

interests of residents. And we'll continue to work with other groups — such as the city of Gatineau and the National Capital Commission — on other projects, such as celebrations for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017.

Q What are your proudest achievements as mayor? That's a tough one. On the governance side, we've limited tax increases and implemented integrity and transparency measures. From a citizen perspective,

though, we've made city hall much more of a people place — the Rink of Dreams, the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame, art galleries and even New Year's Eve celebrations. City hall is much more than a place to pay parking tickets now.



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Metro sat down with Gatineau Mayor Maxime Pedneau-Jobin to talk about the future of his city.

Q What does the future hold for Gatineau?

A The population is going to continue to grow and Gatineau will continue to attract people from across Quebec. Even though the federal government has downsized, there are still a lot of employment opportunities in the region. We'll need to continue to create the kind infrastructure that supports the exceptional quality of life that the region is known for. A prime example is the Centre sportif de Gatineau that opened a few years ago. It's a state-of-the-art facility that's great for weekend athletes and families, and also hosts national and international competitions, like December's Canada Cup of water polo. Many other projects — Aylmer's revitalized downtown, the aquatic



Gatineau Mayor Maxime Pedneau-Jobin wants to continue to attract people from across Quebec to his city. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO OTTAWA

centre in Buckingham, infill projects downtown and even the covered bridge over rivière Blanche — are also important.

Q What big projects are on the horizon?

A I think the most exciting one is the redevelopment of the Chaudière lands.

The Chaudière waterfall and islands have always been central to the life of the region — for Aboriginal peoples, for industry and for generat-

ing hydroelectricity. This is a wonderful opportunity to create a signature development for the region and for Canada — we could create a modern,

active space that celebrates the region's unique history. I'm also happy that we've finally struck a deal with the province to replace the Robert Guertin arena. A new 4,000-seat, \$63-million facility should be ready in time for the 2016-17 season of the Gatineau Olympiques. It will also host other events, such as concerts.

Q What's the biggest challenge Gatineau faces and how will you meet it?

A I think transportation is our biggest challenge. A recent study found that during rush hour, more than 70 per cent of STO transit users cross the Ottawa River. The more we can get the public transit authorities on both sides of the river to collaborate, the better off we'll all be. Last month, Ottawa Mayor (Jim) Watson and I discussed how the two cities can work together on a range of areas for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. It's not always easy to collaborate across the provincial boundary, but we're both determined that it won't stand in our way.



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Taking shape

Lansdowne Park.
One of the largest construction projects in Ottawa's history

PETER DOYLE
For Metro

One of the largest construction projects in Ottawa's history continues to keep pace with the transformation of Lansdowne Park into a mix of stores, restaurants and offices, along with condominiums, green spaces and sports facilities.

At the heart of the project is TD Place — a modern, 24,000-seat stadium for football, soccer, concerts and other major events, along with a refurbished 9,862-seat arena for Ottawa 67's hockey, other sports and concerts. The site also includes 280 residential units and approximately 100,000 square feet of office space.

Developed through a unique partnership between the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), the project will revitalize one of the region's most coveted, yet underutilized sites. Approximately 40 acres in size, Lansdowne Park is an historic tract of land last redeveloped nearly 50 years ago. In recent years, the site — dominated by a massive parking lot — sat idle most of the time. Following redevelopment, Lansdowne will feature restaurants, stores and offices, along with 18 acres of parkland and recreational pathways.

Tenants include Sporting Life (which acquired Ottawa retailer Tommy & Lefebvre),



The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group and the city are touting a revitalized greenspace with new recreational opportunities such as a skating court. CONTRIBUTED



Ottawa will soon have a new concert venue. CONTRIBUTED

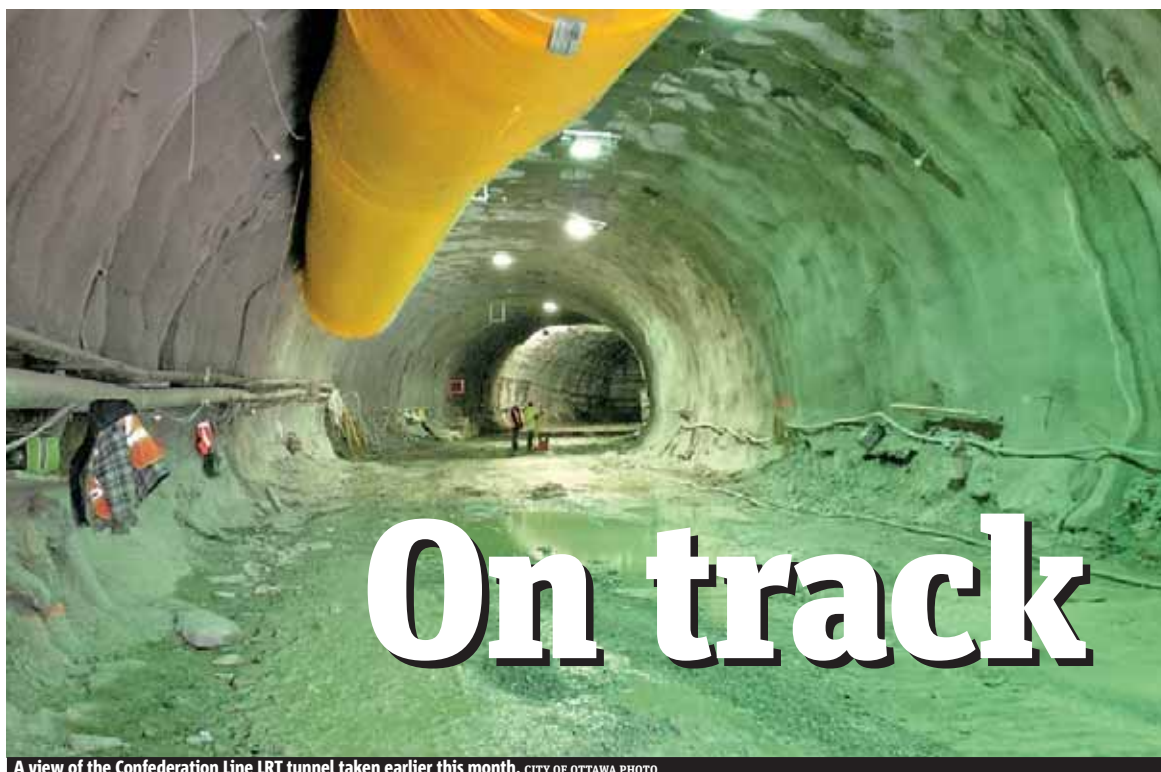
LCBO and Whole Foods, along with restaurants Joey and Local. Other tenants, including a cinema, have yet to be confirmed. Condominium sales have been brisk, with more than 75 per cent — including all of the units along Holmwood Avenue — already sold.

The project will open in phases, with the new Canadian Football League franchise, the Ottawa RedBlacks, hosting the inaugural event July 18; two days later, the Ottawa Fury FC, the new professional soccer team, will play its first home game at the stadium.

"Starting in July, we expect that a new store or restaurant will open just about every

month," said Bernie Ashe, CEO of OSEG. "The last elements — the office and condo towers — won't be finished until the summer of 2015."

The new Lansdowne is designed as a people place with sprawling public spaces including areas outside the Aberdeen Pavilion dubbed "the great porch" and "the great lawn." An underground parking lot will hold up to 1,400 vehicles, while a bus loop off Queen Elizabeth Drive will accommodate public transit riders for major events. Busing will be free for RedBlacks ticket holders as organizers continue to develop traffic management plans.



A view of the Confederation Line LRT tunnel taken earlier this month. CITY OF OTTAWA PHOTO

On track

Ottawa's \$2.1B LRT project is making solid progress

PETER DOYLE
For Metro

Although few people can see it, solid progress continues to be made on Ottawa's massive Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, the Confederation Line.

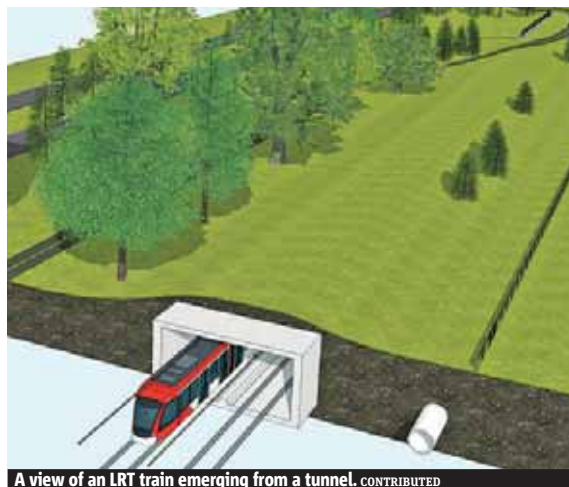
The most expensive and complex infrastructure project in the region since the construction of the Rideau Canal some two centuries ago, the line is a \$2.1-billion project that will transform the city's transportation network. The 12.5-kilometre light-rail system stretches from Tunney's Pasture in the west to Blair Road in the east and includes a 2.5-kilometre tunnel some 15 metres below downtown Ottawa.

Work on the tunnel began in the fall and is expected to continue 24 hours per day, five days per week for the next two years. The tunnel will include three stations (Lyon, Parliament and Rideau), each more than 100 metres in length.

Three gigantic machines known as a roadheaders — 135-tonne, 20-metre-long behemoths — handle most of the work. At the front end of each roadheader is a cross-cutting head (or cutterhead) that bores through underground layers of limestone, clay and sand. The cutterhead is fitted with dozens of picks, and approximately 50,000 picks will be required to complete the tunnel. A conveyor belt transfers tunnelling debris to the rear of the machine, where it can be carried to the surface. About 10 per cent of the tunnelling has been completed.



The Cleary Station. CONTRIBUTED



A view of an LRT train emerging from a tunnel. CONTRIBUTED

construction, equipment and facilities contributed to the planning process. LRT construction is expected to create some 3,200 jobs. Once complete, the Confederation Line will have a capacity of more than 10,000 passengers per hour in each direction; the estimated travel time across the length of the line is 24 minutes.

All three levels of government contributed to the project — the federal and provincial governments will provide \$600 million each, with the City of Ottawa covering the remainder through a mix of federal and provincial transfers, development charge revenues and transit reserves. To design, build, finance and maintain the project, the city concluded a unique public-private partnership with the Rideau Transit Group.

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Arcade Fire, which is nominated for six Juno Awards this year, boasts two local members — drummer Jeremy Gara and bassist Richard Reed Parry. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



A Tribe Called Red is spearheading an Ottawa musical revival. CONTRIBUTED



MonkeyJunk won a Juno for best blues album in 2012. CONTRIBUTED

Ottawa scene hits high note

Winners. Multiple award nods show Canada is catching on to local artists' work

JEN TRAPLIN
For Metro

Ottawa's music scene is typically well represented at the Juno Awards but perhaps

never as heavily as it is this year.

Local musicians are nominated in more than a dozen categories, including aboriginal album, recording package, blues, roots and traditional, classical and world music.

Even Arcade Fire, the group that leads the nominees this year with six, boasts two local members — drummer Jeremy Gara and bassist Richard Reed Parry grew up here.

"There's so much good music coming out of Ottawa," said Ian Campeau, better known as DeeJay NDN, whose trio A Tribe Called Red is up for two awards this year — breakthrough group and electronic album of the year.

"We've always known Ottawa is a hot spot for music. It seems that the rest of Canada is finally catching up on this fact."

Campeau believes Ottawa musicians have been forced

to create their own unique scene here due to a couple of factors — the city is often overlooked by bigger touring acts, and the perception shared by many that musicians have to leave town to succeed.

"Typically, when Ottawa musicians decided to pursue a career in the industry, they leave to Toronto or Montreal," Campeau said. "It's not really necessary."

Matt Sobb, drummer

for Juno Award-winner MonkeyJunk, agrees.

"With the technology that we have at our fingertips today, it really doesn't matter where you live," Sobb said. "If you're a touring band, like we are, it doesn't matter where we start and stop — it's all the points in between."

In 2012, MonkeyJunk won the Juno for best blues album and is nominated in the same category again this year.

According to Sobb, the years

each band member spent playing in different groups here in the Nation's Capital helped shape their current success.

"I think it's really important to acknowledge your roots," Sobb said. "Even though MonkeyJunk is the most successful thing we've done, all of the things we've learned through playing in different bands in Ottawa have all contributed greatly to the success that we're seeing right now."



Ottawa's downtown core is experiencing a dramatic makeover when it comes to entertainment for young urbanites. COLE BURSTON/FOR METRO

No longer the city fun forgot

DENIS ARMSTRONG
For Metro

Young urbanites and empty nesters moving into the hundreds of new condos built in downtown Ottawa every year are helping create a market for nightlife and live performance.

The downtown core used to turn into a ghost town after the government shuttered its doors. Today, it is experiencing a dramatic makeover into a thriving and exciting metropolis where people live, shop, dine and entertain themselves every evening.

Imagine that.

While subscriptions to the city's major theatres — the Na-

tional Arts Centre, Ottawa Little Theatre, La Nouvelle Scène, the Great Canadian Theatre Company (GCTC) and the Gladstone — have peaked, individual ticket sales continue to skyrocket. These theatregoers are looking for a good time, for an experience they can't have at home online. One they can share with others.

"The biggest challenge to live theatre is the flat screen at home," said Eric Coates, GCTC's artistic director. "We have to create high-tech experiences that audiences can't get anywhere else."

According to Coates, Ottawa audiences are tired of "dark, text-driven dramas" and prefer new works that are wit-

tier, politically edgy, visually impressive and better reflections of the city's increasing complex and diverse cultural identity. The GCTC's presentation of *This is War* is a prime example.

So, too, is Kim's Convenience, a play originally written for Toronto's Fringe Theatre Festival and staged by the National Arts Centre. Set in an inner-city convenience store owned and operated by a family of Korean immigrants, the play is a funny look at intergenerational conflict.

The immediate forecast for Ottawa's theatrical establishment is trending smaller, funnier and more fantastic. As with any healthy theatre

scene, small independent companies are leading the charge. Using the barest of budgets, companies such as Third Wall, Plosive Productions and Bear & Co. are turning empty storefronts, galleries, nightclubs and music venues into pop-up theatrical environments.

"The real change in live theatre is coming from young people," said Chris Ralph, artistic director of the Acting Company, which plans to open a new Avalon theatre in September. "I expect to see smaller neighbourhood theatres in the next five years. Theatre will, I think, become more driven by music and projected visuals. Instead of pubs, you'll go to your local art hub."

Where everyone knows your name

Local bar scene. Great customer service, laid-back atmosphere continue to attract Ottawa bar-goers

JEN
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For Metro

If the turnover rate of clubs and live music venues is any indicator, the bar biz in Ottawa isn't for the faint of heart.

But, through it all, a handful of local mainstays have remained popular and trendy destinations for years.

Adam Kronick, the owner of Babylon Nightclub on Bank Street, believes much of his venue's success is due to sticking with his original vision for the club.

"The idea was to be welcoming, open-minded and appreciative to anyone who wanted to work with us and never judgmental," Kronick said. "This has felt right from the get-go and has been great for business."

Eugene Haslam also credits staying true to his core

values for the success of his long-standing ByWard Market venue, Zaphod Beeblebox, which has been one of Ottawa's most popular clubs for more than 20 years.

"We're leaders yet we have also evolved," Haslam said.

"We're a musical and social venue — we're no more a 'bar' than the NAC, National Art Gallery or GCTC, which also serve beverages. We're just a lot more down-to-earth, affordable and streetwise."

Zaphods boasts a number of staffers who have been employees for many years, a fact Haslam believes is very telling in regards to the venue's success.

Staff is also a big factor for Mike Coughlan, owner of the The Standard Luxury Tavern, a busy restaurant and bar on Elgin Street, who feels his business continues to flourish thanks, in part, to his dedi-



On the whole, the Ottawa bar scene is in good shape, says Adam Kronick, the owner of Babylon Nightclub on Bank Street. COLE BURSTON/FOR METRO

cated and hard-working employees.

"We've been open over seven years now and have never been busier," Coughlan said, adding that, despite the seemingly high turnover rate,

he feels the Ottawa bar scene has a lot of potential. "I'm not exactly sure why that is but, based on feedback from customers, it is mostly about service. We only hire people who are willing to work really

hard and believe in customer service."

Kronick also has a positive outlook on things.

"The arts scene, which we run with, is especially solid with many new promoters

coming up with new, fun ideas and the clubs are benefiting from their efforts. On the whole, the bar scene in Ottawa is in pretty excellent shape, and Babylon is honoured to be a part of it."

Craft beer. Brewers are motivated by passion

PETER
DOYLE
For Metro

With more than a dozen active microbreweries and a growing number of pubs and restaurants that serve independent, locally produced ales, lagers, ports and stouts, Ottawa is foaming over with crafty suds.

"I consider the large number of successful craft brewers to be an indication that Ottawa is a sophisticated market," says Jean Paul (JP) Fournier. "People recognize and appreciate quality and believe in supporting local businesses. The biggest factor, though, is that craft beer tastes better than mass-produced beer."

A relative newcomer to craft beer — he first tasted one four years ago — Fournier has quickly become one of its biggest advocates. To share his passion for tasty brew, Fournier founded National Capital Craft Beer Week, Winter Brewed (held during Winterlude) and the Ottawa TAP (tasting, appreciation and pairing) Society.



JP Fournier, the founder of WinterBrewed, raises a glass in advance of last year's craft beer festival. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Keen to move past the home-brewing stage, Fournier launched his own label — Turtle Island Brewery — in 2013. The new label competes against not only relative heavyweights such as Mill Street and Beau's, but also against brands such as Broadhead, Kichesippi and Beyond the Pale.

"It's all about exploring the possibilities, and encouraging people to sample different products and finding the

ones they like best," Fournier said.

Even though craft beer is harder to buy than the mainstream variety, demand continues to grow. Total sales of Ontario craft beer reached approximately \$210 million in 2012. That same year, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario reported a 45 per cent spike in sales of Ontario craft beers. Yet, only a handful of craft brewers are licensed to sell directly to the public, and provincial beer and liquor stores are not inclined to stock the products of brewers that can't deliver sufficient quantities on a consistent basis. As a result, most craft brewers sell from their premises and distribute directly to bars and restaurants.

"Many microbrewers feel like they're between a rock and a hard place," Fournier said. "To maintain quality, they need to brew in relatively small batches. But that makes it nearly impossible to achieve the economies of scale needed to expand production and compete with larger operations. Many of us are motivated by passion."

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Winter enthusiasts can enjoy cross-country skiing in Gatineau Park, which is considered the crown jewel of the Outaouais region. CITY OF GATINEAU PHOTO

The gateway to Quebec

Gatineau. City boasts an array of attractions, activities, festivals and year-round events

KELLY PUTTER
For Metro

For a smallish city, Gatineau has plenty to brag about.

Let's begin with Gatineau Park, considered the crown jewel of the Outaouais region, which encompasses Gatineau, nearby Ottawa, plus four other territories. The 361-square-kilometre federal park is an outdoor lover's Shangri-la, with unique plants, wildlife and heritage sites in addition to accommodating a range of outdoor recreation activities, lodgings, places to eat and even the world's largest spa.

Though cross-country skiing is a big activity, downhill skiing and snowboarding are also popular in this park, which is just 15 minutes from downtown Gatineau. Try hiking or cycling the more than 250 kilometres of parkway



Gatineau is a four-season destination. HARRY FOSTER - CMH/MCH

trails. And don't forget to check out the many beaches, campgrounds and picnic areas.

"Known as the gateway to Quebec, the Outaouais region is an incredible four-season destination," says José Lafleur, assistant communications director at Outaouais Tourism.

"The array of activities, attractions, festivals and year-round events means there is something to please every age and interest."

Located on the north shore of the Ottawa River, Gatineau, an area formerly known as Hull, is a stone's throw from

the capital city and is separated by five different bridges that span the river. About 60 per cent of its 265,000 inhabitants work for the federal government.

In Gatineau you will find Canada's most visited museum, the Canadian Museum of History (formerly the Canadian Museum of Civilization), which has the world's biggest collection of totem poles. Terry Fox and Ireland are slated as subjects for upcoming exhibitions. While there, don't miss the Canadian Children's Museum, which is housed inside the

About Gatineau

- Gatineau is the fourth largest city in Quebec.
- Gatineau-Ottawa region is the fourth largest metropolitan area in Canada.
- The city has more than 380 kilometres of recreational bike paths in the city and in the countryside.
- There are 150 golf courses within a 100-kilometre radius of Gatineau-Ottawa.

historic museum. Children will be thrilled with the more than 30 exhibitions, many of which are hands-on.

The Casino du Lac-Leamy is one of four casinos in Quebec. In August, it hosts an international fireworks competition.

On Labour Day weekend, the skies above Gatineau slow dance with languid, colourful hot air balloons during its annual festival.



Snowshoeing in Gatineau Park. CITY OF GATINEAU PHOTO

Vision. Transformation of Les Iles

RON
KASSNER
For Metro

One of the most historic and picturesque settings in the National Capital Region is set to shed its industrial past and become a vibrant, bustling, mixed-use community.

Picture a downtown shoreline with restaurants, public parks, cafés and historical attractions. Add low-rise, high-rise and affordable housing, bike paths and walkways, and you have the vision of the Windmill Development Group for a 37-acre tract of land just north of the Canadian War Museum.

Windmill, a company that prides itself on both its profitability and its socially and environmentally responsible approach to development, recently signed an agreement of purchase and sale on the properties owned by Domtar Corporation. The tract includes Gatineau waterfront and many disused industrial buildings, but excludes Victoria Island. The breathtaking Chaudière Falls, presently hidden by



An aerial photo shows the proposed Les Iles project, with the proposed areas for redevelopment outlined in red. CONTRIBUTED

Domtar buildings, will take centre stage in the proposed revitalization. The goal will be to follow the highest standards of

environmental practice, and to introduce innovation and creativity in all aspects of design.

Of course, there are many

hurdles to overcome. Rezoning of the land must be approved by the municipalities of both Ottawa and Gatineau before

the purchase agreement can be finalized. The land is of special significance to First Nations, as it lies in the heart of Algon-

quin territory, and sensitivity to their stake in the land must be given consideration. Heritage and environmental groups want their interests taken into account in the overall design as well.

So far, Windmill has followed an inclusive approach. It has already had discussions with organizations such as Energy Ottawa, the Algonquins of Ontario, the National Capital Commission, the Ottawa Riverkeeper, Destination Gatineau, Ecology Ottawa, and the Heritage Canada Foundation, to name a few. Windmill also held a public consultation where citizens were encouraged to provide feedback on the company's design principles.

This collaboration will continue, as Windmill plans to launch a website in 2014 where the public can contribute its opinions and ideas. A sense of excitement is growing in the community, as the prospect of a sustainable downtown community where people live, work, and play on the shores of the majestic Ottawa River may soon be a reality.

Doors are wide open when it comes to home choices

PETER
DOYLE
For Metro

In response to steady growth in Ottawa's population — some forecasts predict an increase of almost 30 per cent by 2025 — homebuilders and developers continue to plan and deliver a wide range of housing options.

"Ottawa's housing market has evolved quite a bit in recent decades," said John Herbert, executive director of Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association. "Along with traditional single-family detached homes, there are more townhouses, condos and co-operatives than ever before. There is a wealth of choices, particularly for new homeowners."

During his 40 years in home construction, planning, architecture and land development, Herbert has seen tremendous changes in the industry and believes that Ottawans are now among the best housed people in the world. Modern homes are much more energy efficient and most are designed and

Housing options

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equipped to support active lifestyles. In recent years, Herbert has noticed several trends continue to gain momentum.

"The biggest factor in any housing market is affordability, and Ottawa is no exception. With the average price of a single-family detached home in the region now above \$440,000, many first-time buyers are forced to either delay that initial purchase, or consider other options, such as condos and townhouses."

Rising prices in the city core also drive buyers to consider outlying areas, such as Almonte and Carleton Place in the west, and Rockland and Wendover in the east. Trends such as telecommuting, home-based businesses and employment opportunities in suburban communities such

as Kanata and Orleans also make these areas increasingly attractive.

Most forecasters predict a decrease in housing starts for 2014, following a stronger than expected 2013. Job cuts in the federal public service are largely responsible for the weak forecast. It's unclear how severe the decrease in housing starts will affect the home construction industry — the third-largest private sector employer in the region.

"What I find frustrating is that taxes comprise up to 25 per cent of the total price of a new home," Herbert said. "Development fees — which are hidden from homebuyers — make up a big portion of that. When excessive tax levels make home ownership too expensive, that hurts the economy and affects all of us."

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Game on

Sports scene. Professional football and soccer, and a new home for the 67's has fans excited

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Ottawa's sports scene is set to change dramatically with the arrival of professional football and soccer franchises, and the return of the 67's junior hockey team to its longtime home rink.

TD Place (formerly Frank Clair Stadium and the Civic Centre) will be the focus of attention beginning the weekend of July 20, when the Ottawa RedBlacks of the Canadian Football League and the Ottawa Fury of the North American Soccer League play their inaugural home dates. In the fall, the Ottawa 67's will return to a renovated arena.

Thanks to the largest construction project Ottawa has seen in many years, Lansdowne Park will feature a modern, 24,000-seat stadium

capable of hosting football and soccer, along with concerts and other major events. Fan-friendly amenities at the stadium include great sightlines, free Wi-Fi, top-quality video and audio entertainment, and a wide variety of snacks and beverages.

"We recognize that the success of the franchises depends on what happens on the scoreboard. We have to be competitive," said Jeff Hunt, president of Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), the company behind all three teams. Known as the man who turned a moribund Ottawa 67's franchise into one of the most popular junior teams in Canada, Hunt understands that local sports fans are drawn to winning teams.

"We've put a strong foundation in place that I'm confident will translate into suc-



Ottawa is hoping to make an immediate impact on its return to the CFL with veteran quarterback Henry Burris. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

cess on game day," Hunt said.

Football fans got a glimpse of OSEG's determination to win earlier this month when the RedBlacks signed veteran CFL quarterback Henry Burris, one of the top passers in league history. The foot-

ball franchise also opted for an experienced coaching and management team. General manager Marcel Desjardins has earned three Grey Cup rings, while head coach Rick Campbell has spent 15 seasons in the CFL.

The Fury also opted for an experienced manager in Marc Dos Santos, former head coach of the Montreal Impact and technical director of Desportivo Brasil, a professional team in Brazil.

After two years at the Can-

adian Tire Centre, the 67's expect to be more competitive during the 2014-15 season, when they will play home games in a refurbished 9,800-seat arena. Fans will appreciate the new facility's state-of-the-art video wall.

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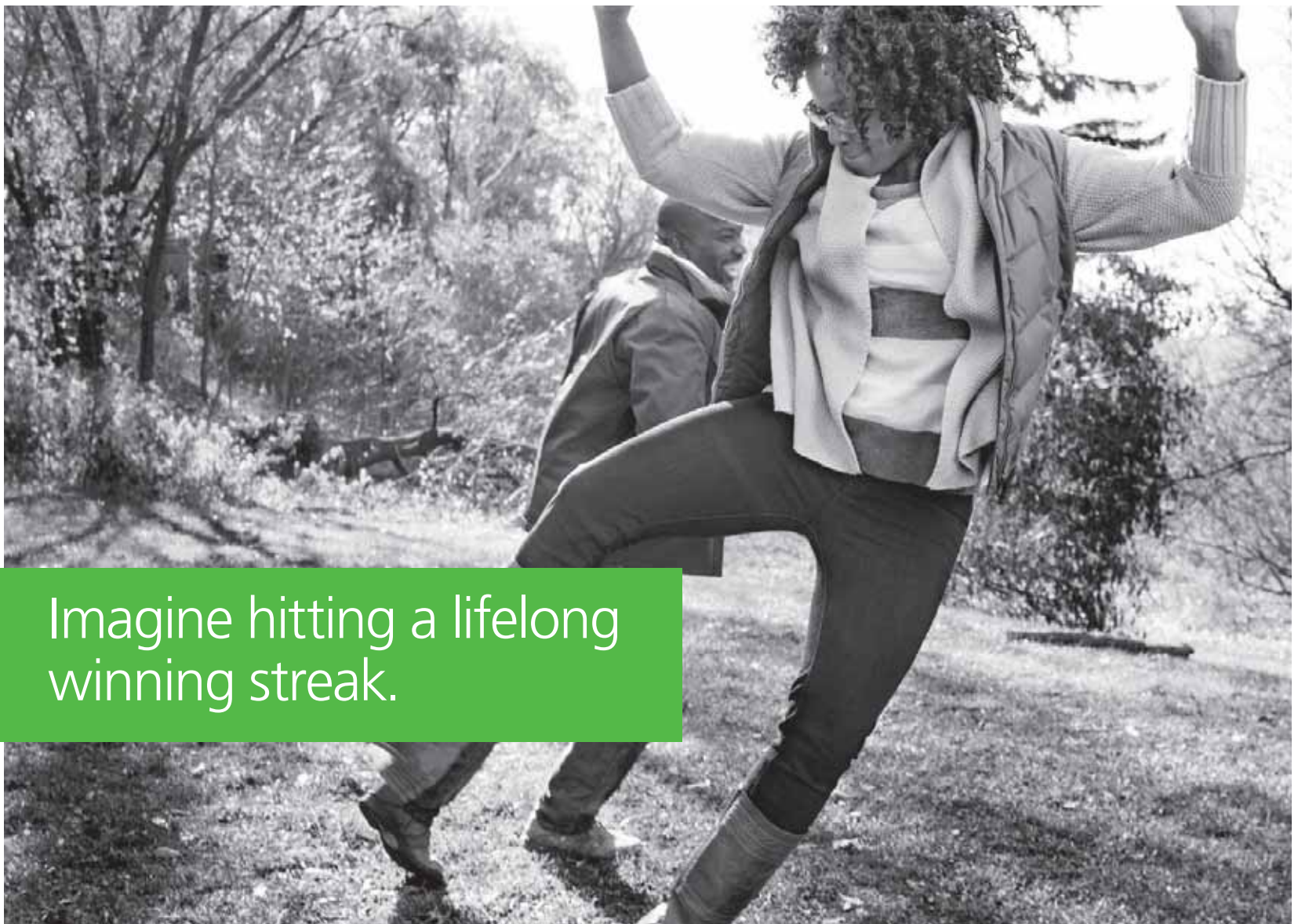
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DON'T BE AFRAID TO FALL

My generation grew up in an age of motivational posters and boom-time optimism. My parents, for better or worse, always tried to nurture my specialness and asserted that I could achieve absolutely anything I set my mind to. But for the large majority of us that simply isn't true and these high expectations can lead to a great deal of disappointment.

And it's not just overly entitled millennials who are faced with the challenges of overcoming rejection. Every day romances end, job applications are tossed in the recycling bin and hopeful young athletes are cut from the team.

Some forms of rejection are subtle and relatively inconsequential; you'll never really know if someone swipes to the left on your Tinder profile or one of your countless Twitter connections decides to unfollow you. But it's hard not to feel crushed when you're passed over for a promotion or a landlord picks someone else for that perfect apartment.



SHE SAYS
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In fact, the sting of being snubbed actually hurts in much the same way as physical distress. In a 2011 study at the University of Michigan, researchers used a functional MRI machine to measure our brain's reaction to social rejection compared to simulated bodily pain. The researchers found that asking participants to recall their feelings about a bad breakup activated the same region of the brain that processes physical discomfort.

If hurt feelings can actually translate into the ache of a broken bone then logic would suggest that popping a couple of pain killers might help relieve the anguish of being rebuffed (at least temporarily). However, rather than doubling down on painkillers, we're probably better off reconditioning ourselves to process our emotions in a more positive and constructive way.

It's easy to dwell on moments of rejection and allow those feelings of inadequacy to chip away at your self-esteem. But at-

tacking yourself when you're already down is like rubbing lemon juice into a paper cut. Concentrating on why you're not good enough for your dream job or blaming yourself for a failed relationship makes it difficult to stabilize your emotions and get past the pain. If we instead focus on reconstructing these negative experiences as opportunities for personal growth, we're more likely to recover faster and move forward.

It's important to remember that some of the most successful people in the world fail the greatest amount, not because they're hopeless but because they allow themselves to be vulnerable and go after possibilities even though they've failed in the past.

If you try to avoid rejection at all costs in order to protect your fragile ego, you'll avoid getting hurt by potentially bad experiences but you'll also miss out on plenty of positive ones too. Getting out of your comfort zone and risking failure is a success in itself because even if you're doing something wrong, at least you're doing something.

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ZOOM

They've entered the matrix



Geometric cube is artsy jungle gym

These climbers are learning the ropes of how to scale a 3D grid. Designed by Croatian-Austrian collective Numen/For Use, String Prototype is an inflatable jungle gym-meets-interactive art site that contains a network of interlocking cables, allowing intrepid visitors to explore inside a large-scale white cube. **METRO**



The cube stands at eight metres high and six metres wide.
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Ropes tight enough to hold people

When the cube deflates, the ropes become loose, allowing the installation to decompress. When inflated, the ropes tighten themselves into a grid strong enough to support the weight of children and adults alike. **METRO**

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With the advent of Siri for iPhone and Google Now for Android, we were empowered to talk to our mobile phones. Almost immediately, they began to talk back. Both Apple and Google have loaded their voice search programs with fun, often hilarious Easter eggs. To check some of them out, ask your phone a few of these questions.

Android:

"Make me a sandwich."
"Beam me up, Scotty."
"Who are you?"
"When am I?"
"What does the fox say?"

iPhone:

"Will you marry me?"
"Mirror mirror on the wall who's the fairest of them all?"
"Siri, can you open the pod bay doors?"



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@metropicks asked: A court orders TekSavvy to name downloaders. What would you do if you were asked to pay piracy damages?

@thebellguy: Request refunds for all the terrible movies I've paid for first

@Canucklehead_ca: Ye lice-infested swine! I only be downloading a single movie: "Booty and the Beast". To ERR is human ... to ARR is pirate!

@UnfunnyTweeter: I'd tell them they could have it all and then draw them a hidden treasure map. Yaarrrr.

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RE: Students Embrace Our Golden Moment, Watch Canadian Women Beat U.S. In Olympic Hockey, published Feb. 20

No wonder students are ill prepared for the real world in this day. Instead of watching TV at school they should be learning math.

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This is part of our culture, students should be able to celebrate Canada's achievements. I'm proud that I can say I was able to see first hand this part of history. Sincerely, Caledonia Student P.S. I had math in the morning.
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DVD review



Gravity

Director. Alfonso Cuarón

Stars. Sandra Bullock,
George Clooney

Not since 2001: A Space Odyssey has a film so vividly and realistically transmitted the feeling of being lost in space. Alfonso Cuarón's 3D film captures the deepest blues of Earth and the midnight hues of space, powerfully affecting the senses. High above the blue planet, slowly revealed in widescreen splendor by Emmanuel Lubezki's intoxicating camerawork, two spacewalking shuttle astronauts defy a vacuum and also expectations — and then calamity strikes. A leading contender for best picture at the March 2 Academy Awards, the film also works on a purely emotional level. Sandra Bullock and George Clooney convincingly depict the plight of space travellers facing dwindling oxygen and rescue prospects. Gravity isn't sci-fi. It's a sky high. **PETER HOWELL**

Hollywood



Harold Ramis GETTY IMAGES FILE

Ghostbusters star
Harold Ramis dies

Comedy actor, director and writer Harold Ramis, best known for his roles in movies such as Ghostbusters and Stripes, has died at his suburban Chicago home after a four-year battle with an autoimmune disease, his talent agency said. Ramis, 69, died early Monday morning of complications from vasculitis. Ramis was a key factor in some of the biggest blockbuster comedies in the 1970s and 1980s.

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Dust off your bikes and fight for your vegan rights

Portlandia is back.

The quirky sketch comedy kicks off its fourth season with a Steve Buscemi bit on the plight of celery

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Metro World News in Boston

Over the past three seasons of Portlandia, Fred Armisen, Carrie Brownstein and director Jonathan Krisel have perfected a revolutionary recipe that marries music and comedy with utter absurdity. The fourth season, which premieres next week, furthers their cause, especially with a sketch called The Celery Incident, which has already gone live online.

In the sketch, Steve Buscemi plays a sales representative for celery, desperately trying to compete against other vegetable salesmen who have had recent fantastical, unlikely success with veggies like kale and Brussels sprouts.

"I think Celery embodies — even though it's more genre-specific than some of our other sketches — I think it really embodies the traits of the show that I think are the most successful," says Brownstein, "which is taking a relatable, sometimes timely premise and veering into the absurd, and then hopefully veering even more into surreality, and then somewhere at the heart of this, having some relatable characters that are suffering through genuine and authentic relationship issues."

Just because they use familiar ingredients for their recipe



Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein are set to bring you another season of Portlandia. AUGUSTA QUIRK/IFC

doesn't mean the show is formulaic. Yes, you will see a lot of the characters you've seen in the previous three seasons, but in preposterous situations: Candace and Toni, the owners of Women and Women First bookstore, host a car wash fundraiser; Lance and Nina — Brownstein and Armisen's gender-swapping couple — find themselves in conflict with Jeff Goldblum's mattress salesman over a certain claim he has made that casts everything Lance stands for into doubt.

"We'll have pictures of the characters on a bulletin board and we'll have an idea for something," says Armisen, "and then we kind of shift the idea to each character, like, 'I wonder if they would be good for this?' And then eventually it will just resonate right away, and you'll know it's perfect for a set of

Watch it

- Portlandia season 4 airs on Superchannel starting March 3; see superchannel.ca for air times. Seasons 1 and 2 are available on Netflix.

characters."

With such a winning formula, it's understandable that the Portlandia peeps would be protective of what they've created.

"We have worked for four seasons to make this world that feels a little bit specific and strange and hyper-real," says Brownstein. "So we try to keep that world magic and special, but of course in the meantime we have had people from SNL and friends on. There's definitely an open-door policy, as long as it feels germane and doesn't

feel conspicuous to have things cross over."

We'd be remiss not asking Armisen if he thought there would be any crossover with his new role as bandleader for Late Night with Seth Meyers, but when it comes to inheriting Questlove's seat, he suddenly turns even more protective.

"I don't want to talk about it," he says, shifting the tone of the conversation into uncomfortable territory. "That's something for my friend Seth and it's fun and I don't want to talk about it because this is about Portlandia and Carrie is on the other line."

He will allow, however, that he's going to be able to take time off to work on Portlandia. "It will be perfect," he says, with a little less attitude. "My focus is Portlandia. That's what I do."

CNN axes Morgan on poor ratings

CNN's prime-time talk show Piers Morgan Live is coming to an end, the news channel says.

Morgan, who succeeded Larry King three years ago, was drawing lacklustre ratings. In contrast, King had a 25-year run on CNN.

The airdate for Morgan's last show has yet to be determined, CNN said in a statement.

Morgan is a former U.K. tabloid editor who reinvented himself as a TV personality with stints as a judge on Britain's Got Talent and its U.S. spinoff, NBC's America's Got

Talent, and as a contestant on Celebrity Apprentice.

He hosted BBC's You Can't Fire Me, I'm Famous, and did interview shows and documentaries for ITV.

Morgan told The New York Times that his show lately has "taken a bath in the ratings" but that he and CNN President Jeff Zucker were discussing a new role for him at the channel. CNN's audience has tired of hearing a Brit weigh in on American cultural issues, Morgan said in a story posted online Sunday.

Morgan's future with CNN is undetermined, the channel said.

Last fall, the already struggling Piers Morgan Live faced increased competition from a revised Fox News Channel lineup that included a strong new performer at 9 p.m. EST with Megyn Kelly's The Kelly File.

Morgan served as editor of The Daily Mirror from 1995 to 2004. He has been questioned in connection with Britain's long-running phone hacking scandal.

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Piers Morgan THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

From granny's kitchen to glitz and glory

Amateur hour.

Wannabe chefs set to shine on CBC series Recipe to Riches

The competition on Recipe to Riches might not be as cut-throat as it is on shows featuring professional chefs, but the home cooks who aspire to have their recipe marketed in a national grocery chain most definitely have their eye on the grand prize of \$250,000.

Their amateur status is what sets Recipe to Riches apart from Top Chef, said Gail Simmons, who's been a judge on the Emmy award-winning show since its inception in 2006.

"The people who are cooking on Recipe to Riches are ... not professionals in any way. They're home cooks and these recipes are usually their family recipes or recipes they've kind of devised for friends over the years as opposed to the chefs on Top Chef who are all professionals who are cooking at a really professional level who work in restaurants every day,"

Quoted

"The people who are cooking on Recipe to Riches are ... not professionals in any way. They're home cooks and these recipes are usually their family recipes." Top Chef judge Gail Simmons, who will be a judge on Recipe to Riches

said Simmons, who returned to her native Toronto from New York to be a judge on the series.

"And so you would think while the food from the chefs is always going to be better, I have to say I was blown away by the quality of the cooking by the Canadian home cooks whose recipes we got to taste on the show. It's different when you make it in your home kitchen using a specific recipe you've developed over the years, sometimes over generations. It was a pleasure to meet and kind of get to know these enthusiastic home cooks (who were) from Vancouver to Halifax," she said by phone from New York. Simmons has just added mother to her lengthy resumé after giving birth to baby girl Dahlia Rae about two months ago.

"Certainly they had competitive spirit, were proud of

what they did and had amazing stories about the dishes they brought, even carrying them on the plane (to Toronto)," she said.

Simmons shares judging duties with marketing guru Arlene Dickinson of Dragons' Den and restaurateur and cookbook author Vikram Vij. Former Little Mosque on the Prairie star Carlo Rota, who has also appeared on 24 and Nikita, hosts the show, which begins airing on CBC-TV Wednesday at 9 p.m.

In the first five episodes three contestants compete in each category, which includes desserts, entrees, savoury pies, appetizers and savoury snacks. The winner nets \$25,000 and the recipe becomes available across the country as a President's Choice product. After all five category episodes



Recipe to Riches host Carlo Rota MARK O'NEILL/CBC

have aired, viewers can vote online for their favourite competitor. The five winners go on

to compete for \$250,000 in the live series finale on April 2.

In Wednesday's desserts epi-

sode, Calgary bobsledder Brad Reinsch goes head to head with aspiring actor Jesse Meredith of Coquitlam, B.C., and 19-year-old Erica Pauze of Penetanguishene, Ont., who hopes winning will help her achieve her dream of owning a bakery.

The contestants must not only tempt judges' palates with their home recipe, but also create and market a product to sell at a major retailer.

Part of the judging process included ensuring the product would be acceptable across the country to a wide range of people, said Simmons, who moved to New York to attend the Institute of Culinary Education in 1999 and is also a food writer. Simmons said chef Vij has developed a line of packaged curries so he could speak to the process the contestants were going through.

Dickinson, meanwhile, "has an incredible business mind and marketing mind and she loves to eat and she loves good food and she's not shy to speak her mind and I just learned so much from her about the business of food," Simmons said.

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Avatar star Worthington punched photographer who 'kicked' his girlfriend

Avatar star Sam Worthington was arrested in New York over the weekend for allegedly punching a photographer during an altercation outside a Greenwich Village bar, according to Radar Online. Law enforcement sources say the Australian actor was coming to the aid of girlfriend Lara Bingle. "The photographer

kicked Lara and then Worthington punched him, causing the photographer to have lacerations to his nose," an NYPD spokesperson says. "He has been charged with assault. He punched the photographer." That photographer, by the way, was also arrested on charges of assault, reckless endangerment and harassment.

Twitter



@ElizabethHurley

Uh oh, I just found myself breaking into a Carpenters song. Dogs and birdies horrified.



@EmmaBunton

That's it, I'm going to the gym. Wish me luck, It's been a while!!!



@SarahKSilverman

In a zombie apocalypse the trees win

Charlie's chuffed with new fiancée Brett ... just don't call her a porn star!



Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen is excited about starting a life with his new fiancée, Brett Rossi, but he'd be a lot happier if the press would stop calling her a porn star. "It's absolutely making Charlie crazy that the media keeps referring to Brett as a porn star, because she no longer is doing that. She recently graduated from nursing school," a source tells Radar Online. "Furthermore, her stage name is Brett Rossi, her legal name is Scottine Ross. He wants people to refer to her as Scotti, which is the name she goes by in her personal life. Charlie has told his publicist to tell media outlets to stop calling her a porn star."

Kudrow and ex manager not Friends as court case looms

Lisa Kudrow is fighting back against claims by former manager Scott Howard that she owes him a share of her earnings from Friends reruns, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Howard, who is suing Kudrow for \$1.7 million US, claims that he and Kudrow had an oral agreement that he would continue to receive a five per cent commission on her Friends earnings even after he was fired in 2007. "I always believed that a personal handshake kind of cemented that personal relationship and that anything more formal felt awkward," Howard testified in court last week. For her part, Kudrow insists she only agreed to pay Howard for the first round of residuals and nothing else.

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The Word

Baldwin states his case and writes off the fame game

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

Here is a partial list of things and people Alec Baldwin slammed in New York Magazine on Monday: the paparazzi, homophobes, people who think Alec Baldwin is a homophobe, CSI, a man in Hawaii who answers the phone rudely, Shia LaBeouf, Rachel Maddow, Broadway, New York, America, the world, 2013.

Baldwin has penned a lengthy piece that is purportedly his resignation from public life, but the bulk of it is essentially a rebuttal to



everything you've read or heard about him in the past year. Everything, from his failed attempt to costar with Shia LaBeouf on Broadway to his cancelled MSNBC show to allegations that he'd used a gay slur, is addressed and found to be the fault of a vicious paparazzi culture whose main purpose is to make Alec Baldwin look bad.

Baldwin keeps returning to one episode: An incident in 2013 when a photographer

tried to take a picture of Baldwin and his baby daughter, and the actor chased him down the street cussing him out. According to TMZ, Baldwin called him a "faggot." Baldwin insists that's not true, but he blames the fact that he's been falsely labelled a homophobe for everything from the cancellation of his MSNBC show (well, he also blames Rachel Maddow for that) to the fact that he probably can't run for mayor of New York now. I would have slightly more sympathy for Baldwin's plight if he hadn't used the word "tranny" in the article. Still, the piece is amusing for exactly the thing Baldwin claims to deplore: celebrity gossip. Shia LaBeouf screamed at him for not knowing his lines! Rachel Maddow viewed him as "equivalent to Mel Gibson!" Juicy, Alec. Tell us more.

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Winter blahs. Spring isn't quite here yet and neither is allergy season but that cold might not be a cold after all

MAJA LUNDAGER PEDERSEN
Metro News in New York City

It's been 14 days and that cold you caught is still hanging on. What do you do? Probably nothing. It's just a cold, right? Actually, you might have an al-

lergy. No, allergies aren't just a spring thing.

"What I tell [patients] is, if it lasts for more than nine days, it's not a cold. It's probably either a sinus infection or an allergy," says Dr. Joan Lehach, an integrative medicine physician specializing in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology at Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

Lehach knows it can be hard to distinguish a cold from allergies. "The things that they have in common are you get congestion, you can get a cough, you can get postnasal drip, you can

get a headache. You just feel tired and not well."

But there are other signs that indicate your bug may be an environmental issue, rather than a bacterial one. Typically, you are not going to get a fever with an allergy. Your mucus can be clearer in colour — with colds, sometimes it turns green or yellow. You don't get body aches with an allergy, typically, whereas with a cold you might.

Winter allergies do exist, and if you get sneezy during the spring and summer, chances are you'll be affected in colder months too. Common culprits?

"Indoor things like dust mites and mold," Lehach says.

Allergies are not just annoying — they can also lead to sinus infections, which are also similar to colds. Allergies set you up for getting actual colds and viruses because your immune system is stressed.

By paying attention to your nasal health, Lehach says you can reduce your risk of catching a wintertime bug. Follow her advice: "The most important thing you can do — and this applies to colds, flus and allergies — is wash your hands and face.

"Also, if the air is too dry, it sets you up for a dry mucosa with cracks in your nose, so when you are exposed to viruses you are more likely to get infected because you have these microscopic cracks. And if it's too moist you are going to grow the mold and the dust mites and the indoor allergens [that] make your symptoms worse as well.

"Try to keep the humidity in your house around 50 per cent. For five or six bucks you can get this little gadget that will tell you the humidity in your house, and then you can either get a humidifier or a dehumidifier, or do something as simple as putting a pot on the radiator and that moistens the air."

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Survive (and thrive) the rest of winter

Although it's finally light outside past 5 p.m., winter's short days can still make us feel lethargic and a little depressed. The long hours spent indoors hibernating on the couch can also have a major impact on our overall wellbeing.

To avoid the effects of old man winter, fight your hibernating instincts by embracing the season, while taking the necessary precautions to be healthy.

To help you get there, the Canadian Health Food Association (CHFA) has these five tips for natural winter wellness.

Opt for healthy comfort food

In winter, we crave simple carbs because they are rich in tryptophan, creating our feel-good hormones such as serotonin and dopamine to temporarily increase. These foods, which are typically refined and have little nutritional value, cause a quick increase in our blood sugar followed by a quick decrease

causing us to crave more. To avoid this vicious cycle while satisfying your cravings, opt for more complex carbs including oatmeal, legumes, soups and stews.

Dose up on vitamins and minerals

Iron, zinc and vitamin C are key to a healthy immune system that will ward off the cold and flu viruses. Foods rich in these nutrients include dark, leafy greens, red and yellow fruits and vegetables, lean red meats and pumpkin seeds. Taking a daily multivitamin is a great insurance policy to ensure you are getting your required daily intake of essential minerals and vitamins.

Go for garlic

The sulfur-containing compounds in garlic help increase the potency of two important cells of the immune system, T-lymphocytes and macrophages. These are essential to help battle the flu and colds. Opt for odour-

less capsules if you want to avoid the strong taste of garlic.

Use coconut oil

Winter-proof your skin with coconut oil by using it as a moisturizer. Simply rub a small amount of coconut oil wherever you have dry, flaky or itchy skin. It also works great as a natural lip balm, hair conditioner or make-up remover. Your skin will absorb the oil quickly, plus it smells wonderful!

Shake it up and sleep it off

When it comes to exercise, don't let winter be an excuse. Develop a well-rounded fitness routine that includes cardio and strength training. Also, give yourself plenty of rest time. Restful slumber helps fight depression and eliminates extra amounts of the stress hormone cortisol. Adequate amounts of exercise and sleep should be non-negotiable in maintaining a healthy lifestyle this winter.

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Beauty goes high-tech



BEST HEALTH MINUTE
Bonnie Munday
Editor-in-chief
Best Health Magazine

From fitness wristbands to Google Glass, it's clear we are living in generation gadget. So, it's fitting that in the beauty aisles, there are now at-home devices for virtually every skin concern.

In the latest issue of Best Health, Canada's healthy lifestyle magazine for women, we've included an article by writer Wing Sze Tang about the latest skin care gizmos.

Some are technologically similar to what's available at the dermatologist's office or the spa, but do the DIY versions work? Likely not as well as doctor's office equipment. But they can be a good complement, or at the very least, worth a try. They are approved by Health Canada as safe. Here are a few:

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The Acne Buster

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The Pore Detoxer

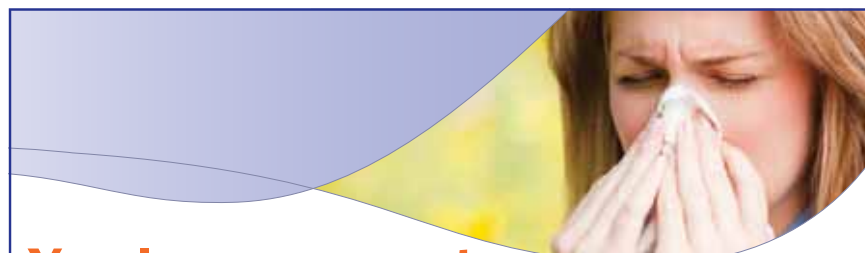
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skin, shaking the dead cells off the skin. After using it for two weeks, you should notice smaller-looking pores and smoother skin texture. Its exfoliating effect is mild, so keep other exfoliating products as part of your routine.

For more examples of skin-care devices you can use at home, pick up the March/April issue of Best Health. **BEST HEALTH IS ON NEWSSTANDS, OR YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE AT BESTHEALTHMAG.CA. WE ALSO HAVE AN AWARD-WINNING IPAD EDITION.**



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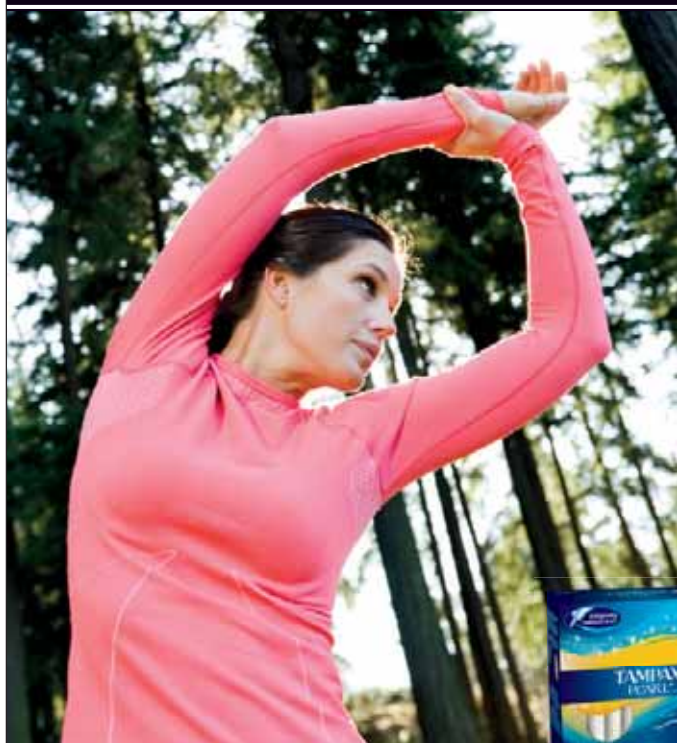
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If you truly have a cholesterol problem, turn the page. Still reading? OK, but this is the honour system.

Pâté is a French favourite for a few reasons. It is smooth, creamy and intense, and a little goes a long way flavour-wise.

The addition of duck fat, however, makes it out of bounds for many.

Liver itself is quite nourishing. It is rich in Vitamin A, which is great for your eyes (unless you are pregnant, then it can be too high for baby), B12, to help keep heart-disease-causing homocysteine levels low, protein and iron.

Aside from duck fat, there are caveats — and big ones.

Liver is high in cholesterol, which isn't a problem for most. But if your doctor has asked you to avoid it, do so.

In addition, liver is the organ that cleanses the body of all kinds of toxins. Which means,

whatever the animal was exposed to can get concentrated in their liver and you would be consuming any manner of pesticide, medication and environmental toxins.

Simple solution? Go organic. Organic chickens are fed organic feed, which reduces their load and, in turn, yours. They are available at health-food stores and well worth the effort. Like, once in a while. Don't be doing this weekly, sheesh.

Trim livers of any fat or other ick and simply pan fry on high heat with garlic and oregano for a traditional Greek treat. It's excellent as an appetizer! Or, bust out the hand blender and puree into pâté.

Either way, classic Mediterranean simplicity is at your finger tips.

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START TO FINISH ABOUT 30 MINUTES



This recipe serves six. COURTESY THERESA ALBERT

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Traditional pâté is often made with about 50 per cent added saturated fat.

This recipe uses extra virgin olive oil and a little bit of butter but nets a smooth and creamy spread that can be the centrepiece for your next Friday night charcuterie platter.

Spread on veggies, add some hummus and make it a simple, red-wine-sipping kind of meal.

ducts and any fat. Rinse in a colander and place into a large casserole dish.

except pepper, and bake at 300 F for 30 minutes until very firm. Stir once during baking.

1. Clean livers and remove

2. Add remaining ingredients,

3. Allow to cool and use a hand wand to puree well.

Ingredients

- 1 lb organic chicken livers
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tsp butter, melted and divided

- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp thyme
- Black pepper, to taste

4. Using a spatula place into jars, top with ground pepper and drizzle with melted butter. **THERESA ALBERT IS A FOOD COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND TORONTO PERSONAL NUTRITIONIST. SHE FOUND DAILY AT MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM**

Goat Cheese Phyllo Bites: fancy side of snacks

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Arrange the phyllo cups on

a rimmed baking sheet. Set aside.

Ingredients

- 3 packages (each package contains 15 cups) phyllo pastry cups
- 1 1/2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup 1% milk
- 4-oz log soft goat cheese, crumbled

- 1 oz finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1 large egg, separated, plus 1 large egg white, at room temp
- 1 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- Pinch of cream of tartar
- 45 fresh dill, tarragon sprigs

2. In saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add the flour and whisk 2 minutes. Add milk in a stream, whisking, and bring to a boil, whisking. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the goat cheese, half of the Parmigiano-Reggiano, egg yolk, mustard and salt and pepper, to taste, stirring until smooth. Set aside.

3. In bowl, use an electric mixer to beat both egg whites

until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and continue beating until they just hold stiff peaks. Stir a third of the whites into the sauce, then fold in the remaining whites, gently.

4. Spoon mix into phyllo cups. Bake on the oven's middle shelf until they are puffed and golden, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a platter, sprinkle the tops with the remaining cheese and some herbs, then serve immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

X-rays show Stamkos not well enough to play

Injured Tampa Bay Lightning star Steven Stamkos is recovering, but not ready yet to return to the lineup.

Stamkos is sitting out a four-game post-Olympic trip that starts Thursday at Nashville.

Stamkos underwent X-rays on Monday that revealed that his broken right shin, which has sidelined him since November, is improving but not enough for him to be cleared to play in games.

The centre will travel with the team to continue practising, and is expected to be examined again when the Lightning return for a homestand that begins March 6 against Buffalo.

Stamkos was injured on Nov. 11 at Boston. He has 14 goals and 23 points in 17 games this season.

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CFL

Higgins gets call to take Alouettes into new era

For a second year in a row, the Montreal Alouettes will start the CFL season with a new head coach.

Alouettes owner Bob Wetenhall announced Monday that Tom Higgins will be the club's new head coach.

The former Edmonton Eskimos and Calgary Stampeder bench boss replaces general manager Jim Popp, who took over on Aug. 1 when the inexperienced Dan Hawkins was fired only five games into the 2013 season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Carey Price shows his gold medal to the media at the Montreal Canadiens' practice facility on Monday in Brossard, Que. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Price checks back in after 'satisfying' trip

Hockey. Habs goalie coming off high of winning gold and posting stellar numbers

Quoted

"Emotionally, it was a very trying time. I'm just taking the next couple of days to relax and unwind."

Team Canada goalie Carey Price

Carey Price looked a little dazed at the Montreal Canadiens practice facility after returning from Canada's Olympic hockey triumph.

Price arrived with some other players on Monday morning from Sochi, Russia, where his near-flawless goaltending helped Canada to a second straight gold medal in

men's hockey.

Still jet-lagged and sleepy, he didn't take part in the Canadiens' practice and will have at least two days off to recover.

He said the gold he flashed for the photographers in front of his locker-room stall "still hasn't sunk in a whole lot."

"I'm sure it will over the

next couple of days."

Price went to Sochi not knowing how much work he'd get in the net, but he started Canada's opening game against Norway and ended up playing five of the team's six games. Roberto Luongo got the other start and also got a shutout against Austria.

Price led Olympic goalies with a 0.59 goals-against average as Canada let in only three goals in the tournament. He posted a .971 save percentage and had two shutouts.

Now he feels the confidence gained from that performance will make him a better goalie in the NHL.

"It's satisfying, no question," the 26-year-old said. "There was a lot of doubt about the position going into the Olympics. We heard about it in August at the orientation camp. And to be able to deliver at the right time was huge."

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Can Canada keep the gold times rolling?



Slopestyle skiing gold medalist Dara Howell from Huntsville is welcomed back to Canada by family members in Toronto Monday. CHRIS YOUNG/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada's Olympic team in Sochi benefited from the afterburn of hosting the previous Winter Games in 2010.

It's a trend, although not a given, that the home country of an Olympic Games can parlay the momentum for another quadrennial or two because of a high-revving sports system.

Canada won 25 medals in Sochi after a total of 26 in Vancouver in 2010.

The Canadian team finished third in overall medals and first in gold four years ago. In Sochi, the final tally was good for

Hosts' right to boast

- China was second with 100 medals at the 2008 Beijing Games and second with 88 in London in 2012.
- The U.S. has cracked the top three in the Winter Games

medal count since hosting in 2002.

- Australia hit a high of 50 medals in Athens after Sydney had the Games in 2000, but fell to 35 in London.

fourth overall and third in gold.

Hosting a Games made Canada a winter sport power, but can it last to 2018 and beyond?

"I think it's sustainable,"

said Steve Podborski, Canada's chef de mission in Sochi. "It's really, really fun to be good at something."

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Man with the golden touch

Sidney Crosby's career features numerous highlight-reel goals. Here's a look at five that may rank among his best.

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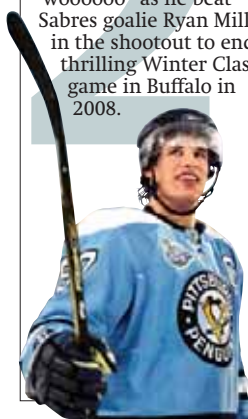


Welcome back, Sid

The goal Crosby scored against the Islanders in November 2011, in his first game back from a long concussion layoff. Crosby broke through the Islanders defence and tucked a backhand top shelf, one of his fave moves.

Winter Classic shootout

You can hear Crosby yelling his familiar "wooooo" as he beat Sabres goalie Ryan Miller in the shootout to end a thrilling Winter Classic game in Buffalo in 2008.

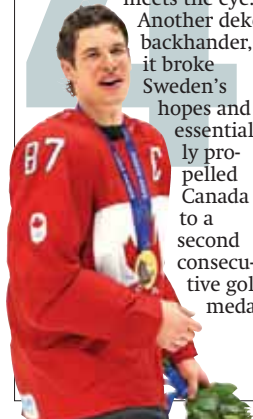


Premiere of the Crosby Show

This one came against the Canadiens in November 2005 and was one of the goals that started the legend. To end a shootout, Crosby did his little leg kick fake, then went backhand roof past a helpless Jose Theodore. For good measure, the puck knocked the water bottle off the top of the net.

Sochi Olympics

This was Crosby's latest thriller, and it carries more weight than first meets the eye. Another deke backhand, it broke Sweden's hopes and essentially propelled Canada to a second consecutive gold medal.



Golden goal in Vancouver

You can hear Crosby shout to Jarome Iginla for a feed as he bolted to the net from the corner. Miller was the victim again as Crosby won the gold medal for Canada. The goal ranks up there with the most famous in international competition for Canada.

NHL

Sabres still dangling Miller on trade market

A person familiar with discussions has told The Associated Press that Buffalo Sabres GM Tim Murray continues to pursue offers for goalie Ryan Miller with the intention of dealing him before the NHL trade deadline on March 5.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because Murray did not speak to reporters Monday.

The person said the team's first option is trading Miller, who is in the final year of his contract. Option No. 2 would be making a bid to re-sign Miller if a trade can't be completed.

Miller was a no-show at Sabres practice Monday because the United States' backup goalie was travelling from the Sochi Games.

Miller was scheduled to arrive later in the day.

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SkyHawks halt Express

Tirrell Baines of the Ottawa SkyHawks shoots over Windsor Express defender Erik Parker during an NBL Canada game at Cégep de l'Outaouais in Gatineau on Monday night. The SkyHawks won 104-95. For the story, go to metronews.ca. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

Collins among old pals in return with Nets

NBA. Openly gay player playing alongside many former teammates with a 10-day contract in tow

Jason Collins has a week and a half to prove himself to the Brooklyn Nets.

He signed a 10-day contract, one of the toughest deals in sports because it gives non-superstars almost no time to impress their coaches and teammates in hopes of sticking around.

With this group, Collins did that long ago: The Nets locker room is filled with former teammates who have already accepted the league's first openly gay player and his on-court habits, which are the ones that matter most to them.

"Guys already know what ... to expect from me. It's like, OK, he's not going to magically have a 40-inch vertical (leap) and shoot threes," Collins said.

That made it the ideal place for his historic return to the NBA.

Perhaps, as numerous players insisted after Collins came out in a Sports Illustrated

article last April, athletes were ready to accept a gay teammate. Maybe Collins would have been welcomed anywhere he signed.

But maybe not. As the bullying scandal involving the Miami Dolphins proved, the locker room can be a place where abusive language can divide a team and threaten to derail a season, to say nothing of the fallout for the players themselves.

The loudest voices with the Nets, however, belong to the team leaders, and they've already made up their mind about Collins.

Old teammate Jason Kidd coaches the team. Collins played with Joe Johnson in Atlanta and Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce in Boston, and they are now the respected veterans in Brooklyn.

Collins played six and a half years with the Nets, who he helped reach the NBA Finals with Kidd in 2002 and 2003. One of his first calls when he came out last April was to Kidd.

"You look at all the connections that Jason has and also being that he played with the Nets before, so I think this is a great opportunity for him," Kidd said.

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Jason Collins made his return to the NBA on Sunday night playing for the Nets against the Lakers in Los Angeles. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

There are a number of things you need to get rid of, things that are stopping you from realizing your potential. You know what they are and you know they must go. Now is the time put the past behind you.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You need to find ways to further your ambitions while not appearing too selfish. This is a time of great opportunity. Stay calm, stay focused and, above all, stay the course.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are going to have to make a difficult choice and what you decide will affect your life for years to come. Only you can make this choice but it's got to be one thing or the other. The worst choice is no choice at all.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The Sun in Pisces boosts your confidence and make it easier to take chances. Not that you should push your luck at every opportunity but you do need to be a bit more adventurous.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

One of your more impulsive moods could lead to something good... or something bad. You will get into risky situations – the sort you like best – but you know how to get out of them too.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Because the approaching new moon falls in the partnership sector of your chart you will find it easier to identify with and sympathize with other people's worries. Help them if you can but don't let their worries rub off on you.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Take care you don't get too close to a situation and lose your sense of perspective. You need to make a conscious decision to stand back from what you are doing and see the bigger picture.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Put your own interests first and start work on something you have been thinking about for months. This is an excellent day for creative activities, so put your doubts behind you and follow your dream.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If a loved one demands more independence you must give it to them. You should know by now that the harder you try to control other people the more it hurts when they finally break away.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will get a lot out of social activities today, so make the effort to get out into the world. The more you engage with people the more you will see how similar we all are.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you want something enough you will find a way to get it, no matter how many obstacles are placed in your path. Whatever challenges you face you are big enough and tough enough to deal with them.

Pisces

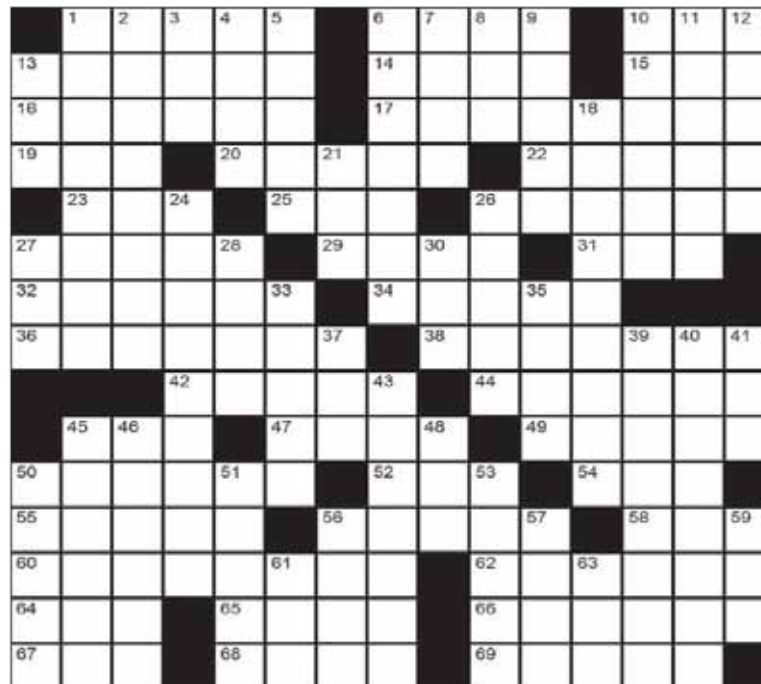
Feb. 20 - March 20

Success is yours if you want it enough, so do you? Pisces is often a laid back sort of sign, so maybe you are happy taking each day as it comes. If so, that's okay – you are who you are. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Nary ___ (Nobody)
- Bible boy
- Ms. Gardner
- Refinement
- Taj Mahal's site
- Vancouver-born actor Mr. Bellows
- Manitoba: __, __ Provincial Park
- Oscars: 2014 Best Original Song nominee "Happy" by __ Williams
- URL ending
- Singer Ms. Baker
- Choreographer Mr. Terrio
- E-Mail sending acronym
- Santa __, California
- Pamper
- Tidal bore
- "Sand in My Shoes" singer
- Coral reef
- Great Pyramid of Giza commissioning Pharaoh
- Sally Field's Oscar-winning role, __ Rae
- 1998 Barenaked Ladies chart-topper: 2 wds.
- Rumour
- Mister, in Madrid
- Little wave
- Is able to
- United __ Emirates
- Reservations

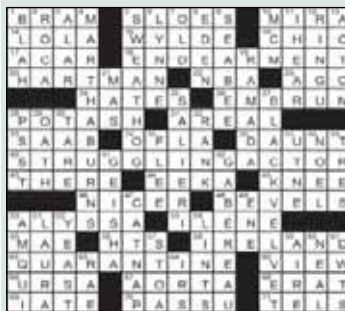


- Least wild
- Global currency org.
- Green Day drummer, __ Cool
- Stevie Wonder's "___ Called to Say I Love You"
- Cherish
- "The Age of Innocence" (1993) actress ...her initials-

- Wayne movie
- German highway
- Robert Service poem, The Cremation of ___
- ___ whim
- Calif. campus
- British singer Ms. Lewis
- 2014 Best Picture

- nominee, "___ Phil-lips"
- Turkish official or military title
- Mr. Gershwin
- Elaine __ ("Taxi" role for Marilu Henner)
- Schedule
- In a despicable manner
- Festive song:

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- "O Come, ___ Faithful"
- White House defence advisory gr.
 - Locale of pre-Oscars telecast action: 2 wds.
 - Polit. designation
 - ___ Pass (Alberta community in The Rockies)
 - Apples gadget
 - Green
 - Sword sort
 - Play-___
 - La Chambre Rouge occupant, ___ du Canada
 - But: French
 - North or South country [abbr.]
 - BC mining community
 - Other self: 2 wds.
 - Thumbs-up
 - Invading ilks
 - Descendants of Acadians in Louisiana
 - Makes funny
 - Canuck financial inst.
 - Standstill
 - Sporty figures
 - New
 - Skipper's salute
 - Prefix meaning 'Outer'
 - Compass dir.
 - "___-ching!"
 - Distinguished [abbr.]

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AWD Sedan • 2.5L 4 cyl • \$12,950
89,932 km • Auto • Stk: # 34447



\$64 weekly

2012 Toyota Yaris LE

Hatchback • 1.5L 4 cyl • \$13,570
42,267 km • Auto • Stk: # 34944



\$57 weekly

2011 Honda Pilot LX

4WD 8PASS • 3.5L V6 cyl • \$25,670
60,981 km • Auto • Stk: # 35148 USA



\$107 weekly

2013 Hyundai Elantra GLS

Sedan • 1.8L 4 cyl • \$14,930
52,207 km • Auto • Stk: # 35527



\$62 weekly

2011 Ford Fiesta SE

Hatchback • 1.6L 4 cyl • \$9,870
91,687 km • Auto • Stk: # 35182



\$41 weekly

2012 Honda CR-V EX

R.CAM SUV • 2.4L 4 cyl • \$24,870
14,385 km • Auto • Stk: # 34955 USA



\$104 weekly

2011 Chevrolet Equinox LS

SUV • 2.4L 4 cyl • \$15,630
83,565 km • Auto • Stk: # 35544



\$65 weekly

2012 Hyundai Santa Fe

AWD • 2.4L 4 cyl • \$21,650
47,006 km • Auto • Stk: # 34789 USA



\$89 weekly

2012 Kia Forte LX

Sedan • 4 cyl • \$12,830
53,100 km • Auto • Stk: # 35234



\$54 weekly

2008 Honda Civic DX

Sedan • 1.8L 4 cyl • \$9,910
97,871 km • 5 Speed Auto • Stk: # 34894



\$49 weekly

2008 Toyota FJ Cruiser

4WD SUV • V6 cyl • \$17,980
134,782 km • Manual • Stk: # 35569 USA



\$88 weekly

2008 Mazda3

Sedan • 2.0L 4 cyl • \$7,950
79,603 km • Manual • Stk: # 33485



\$39 weekly

2012 Honda Accord EX

Coupe • 2.4L 4 cyl • \$18,940
29,686 km • Auto • Stk: # 35564



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2012 Nissan Altima 2.5S

XTRONIC CVT • 4 cyl • \$13,850
58,295 km • Auto • Stk: # 35390



\$57 weekly

2010 Ford Ranger Sport

Supercab • 4.0L V6 cyl • \$11,970
76,758 km • Manual • Stk: # 35591



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2008 Ford Escape XLT

2.3L 4 cyl • \$11,870
94,461 km • Auto • Stk: # 12507-A



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2010 Hyundai Genesis 2.0T

Coupe • 2.0L 4 cyl • \$14,640
95,917 km • Manual • Stk: # 35549



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2009 Honda Fit DX

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77,933 km • Manual • Stk: # 35561



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2008 Hyundai Accent HB

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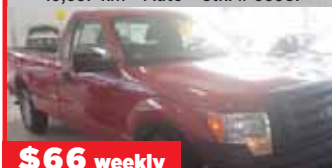
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2011 Ford F-150 XL

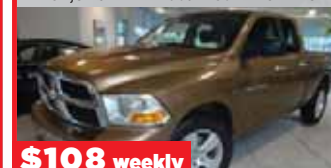
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